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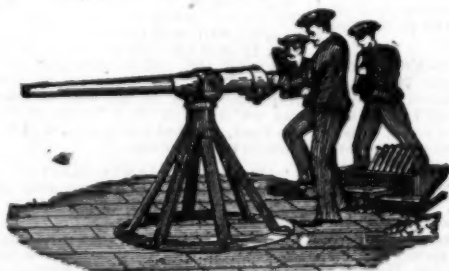
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PERSONAL ITEMS.

CAPTAIN F. E. PHELPS, 8th U. S. Cavalry, on sick leave from Fort Yates, N. D., is at Urbana, Ohio.

LIEUTENANT CHAS. H. LESTER, 8th U. S. Cavalry, on sick leave, is at 112 West 61st street, New York City.

MAJOR W. B. POWELL, 23d U. S. Infantry, left Fort A. Lincoln, N. D., this week to spend a month on leave.

CAPTAIN LEWIS SMITH, 3d U. S. Artillery, has left Fort Monroe, Va., for his station, Washington Barracks, D. C.

LIEUTENANT PALMER TILTON, 20th U. S. Infantry, who is on an extended sick leave, is at Asheville, North Carolina.

COLONEL M. V. SHERIDAN, U. S. A., returned to Omaha, Neb., this week from a 20 days' leave spent in the Northwest.

ADJUTANT EATON A. EDWARDS, 25th U. S. Infantry, has taken charge of recruiting matters at Fort Missoula, Montana.

MAJOR J. F. ANDREWS, 21st U. S. Infantry, changed base this week from Fort Bridger, Wyo., to Fort Douglas, Utah.

COLONEL W. M. WHERRY, U. S. A., rejoined at Newport Barracks, Ky., early in the week from a brief visit to friends in St. Louis.

LIEUTENANT S. F. MASSEY, 5th U. S. Artillery, on leave from the Presidio of San Francisco, "awaiting retirement," is at Sandusky, Ohio.

CAPTAIN J. B. KERR, 6th U. S. Cavalry, of Fort Wingate, N. M., will spend October and November on leave for the benefit of his health.

LIEUTENANT W. O. JOHNSON, 19th U. S. Infantry, a graduate of 1890, was expected to join at Fort Wayne, Mich., the latter part of this week.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES GERHARDT, 20th U. S. Infantry, on leave from Fort Assiniboine, Montana, is at 25 N. Collington avenue, Baltimore, Md.

PRESIDENT HARRISON will attend the reunion at Galesburg, Ill., next week of the brigade of which his old regiment, the 17th Indiana, formed a part.

CAPTAIN C. F. POWELL, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, will bid farewell to friends in St. Louis in a few days and leave for Omaha, Neb., his new station.

LIEUTENANT H. L. ROBERTS, 19th U. S. Infantry, rejoined at Fort Wayne, Mich., early in the week from a short visit to New York City and Washington.

COLONEL J. G. CHANDLER, U. S. A., was expected in San Francisco this week from the East to take charge of quartermaster matters in the Division of the Pacific.

LIEUTENANT O. E. WOOD, 5th U. S. Artillery, changed base this week from Alcatraz Island to the Presidio of San Francisco for duty with Kinzie's Light Battery.

CAPTAIN J. W. POPE, U. S. A., has returned to Fort Leavenworth from a pleasant trip to Cincinnati, where he attended the annual sessions of the Prison Congress.

SECRETARY OF WAR PROCTOR, having finished his summer vacation, has been closely at his desk for the past week and has dispatched a large amount of accumulated business.

LIEUTENANT R. M. SCHOFIELD, 4th U. S. Cavalry, who has been East for some time past, is expected at Vancouver Barracks to join Mason's Troop about the middle of October.

LIEUTENANT M. G. ZALINSKI, 2d U. S. Artillery, who has lately changed station from Fort Trumbull to Fort Warren, was married Sept. 24 at Boston to Miss Helen Brandegee, of New London.

LIEUTENANT C. L. H. RUGGLES, 1st U. S. Artillery, arrived at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., this week and joins one of the batteries of his regiment at that post for his first tour of active duty.

LIEUTENANT J. W. BENÉT, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., exchanged this week the pleasant places of Washington, D. C., for the equally pleasant station, Frankford Arsenal, near Philadelphia.

LIEUTENANT J. A. PERRY, 10th U. S. Infantry, after a brief stay at Fort Marcy, Santa Fe, goes to San Carlos, Ariz., to take charge of quartermaster and subsistence matters at that important station.

Mrs. Thompson and Miss Watkins, who have been visiting Lieutenant and Mrs. Seabree Smith, at Fort Adams, R. I., sailed for Antwerp on S. S. *Westernland* (Red Star Line) on Oct. 1. They will spend some time in Paris, where Miss Matthews will continue her art studies, and while there will be guests of Captain and Mrs. G. E. Overton, U. S. A.

COLONEL ELWELL S. OTIS, 20th U. S. Infantry, duly assumed, on Wednesday of this week, the superintendency of the recruiting service with his headquarters in New York. Col. John J. Coppinger, who vacates the position, has filled it with marked ability for the past two years, and retires from it amid the universal good wishes of those with whom he has been associated while on the special detail. Governor's Island, especially, regrets his departure.

The *Pioneer Press*, referring to recent changes in the Inspector-General's Department, says: "Lieut. Col. W. F. Drum, 12th Inf., we infer, rather welcomes the prospect of a change from his present duties, which he has been performing six years. He is a conscientious and capable officer, and is universally esteemed in military and social circles. It is likely he may assume command at Fort Yates, N. D., where several companies of his regiment are at present. Major J. Ford Kent, 4th Inf., will succeed Col. Drum as acting Inspector-General Department of Dakota."

B. W. LEAVELL, 24th U. S. Inf., is a recent arrival Fort Grant, Ariz.

COLONEL A. L. HOUGH, U. S. A., retired, is residing at 131 West 61st street, New York City.

LIEUTENANT A. G. C. QUAY, 5th U. S. Cav., has taken charge of recruiting matters at Ft. Sill, O. T.

CHAPLAIN J. C. KERR, U. S. A., lately at Mount Vernon Barracks, has arrived at Fort Barrancas for duty.

LIEUTENANT G. LE R. IRWIN, 3d U. S. Artillery, left Fort McHenry, Md., on Monday on a short leave.

LIEUTENANT D. W. KETCHAM, 2d U. S. Art., a graduate of 1890, joins Hamilton's battery at Fort Adams, R. I.

COLONEL J. S. BRISBIN, 1st U. S. Cavalry, has left Fort Custer, Montana, for a few weeks for the benefit of his health.

The Lippincotts have in preparation for early issue a novel by Capt. Charles King, U. S. A., entitled "Captain Blak."

LIEUTENANT J. L. SEHON, 4th U. S. Inf., of Boise Barracks, Idaho, will come East towards the end of November to spend the winter.

LIEUTENANT JAMES HAMILTON, 2d U. S. Artillery, a graduate of 1890, will join Scantling's battery at Fort Warren, Mass., in a few days.

LIEUTENANT H. L. RIPLEY, 3d U. S. Cavalry, who has been ailing for some time past, is to try a course of treatment at Hot Springs, Ark.

LIEUTENANT JOHN CONKLIN, Jr., 2d U. S. Artillery, arrived at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., this week for duty with Woodruff's Light Battery F.

LIEUTENANT H. C. HODGES, Jr., 22d U. S. Infantry, of Thorne's company at Fort Keogh, is in Europe on leave, and is expected home in December.

LIEUTENANT EDWARD DAVIS, 3d U. S. Artillery, of Washington Barracks, D. C., is spending a few weeks' leave at Fort Spring, Greenbrier County, West Virginia.

The marriage of Mr. S. Key Spalding to Miss Emily Reynolds, youngest daughter of the late Surg. Henry S. Reynolds, U. S. N., took place Sept. 20 in Baltimore.

LIEUTENANT E. M. LEWIS, 11th U. S. Infantry, is closing up his affairs at Plattsburgh Barracks, N. Y., and will shortly join Hoyt's company at Madison Barracks, N. Y.

CAPTAIN F. M. GIBSON, 7th U. S. Cavalry, just relieved from recruiting duty at Washington, will spend the greater portion of the winter on leave for the benefit of his health.

LIEUTENANT H. H. BANDHOLTZ, 6th U. S. Infantry, a recent addition to the commissioned roster of Fort Thomas, Ky., now goes for duty with Powell's company at Fort Ontario.

CAPTAIN W. S. PATTEN, U. S. A., returned to Washington, D. C., this week from a trip to Newport, Ky., where he inspected the sanitary arrangements of the new post, Fort Thomas, Ky.

The commissioned force of Willets Point, N. Y. Harbor, was reinforced this week by the arrival of Additional 2d Lieuts. Chas. Keller, Herbert Deakine, and C. S. Bromwell, Corps of Engineers.

MAJOR J. C. G. HAPPERSETT, surgeon, U. S. A., and Captain F. Fuger, 4th U. S. Artillery, of Fort McPherson, Ga., were visitors at St. Augustine this week, and enjoyed the hospitality of St. Francis Barracks.

CAPTAIN JOHN R. MYRICK, 3d U. S. Artillery, lately at Fort Monroe, Va., has taken command of Fort McHenry, Md., until the return from leave of Lieut.-Col. L. L. Livingston, 3d Artillery, now at Elizabethtown, N. J.

MAJOR J. V. D. MIDDLETON, surgeon, U. S. A., took charge this week of medical matters at Fort Columbus, N. Y. H., in succession to Major W. R. Gibson, who has gone to the recruiting depot at David's Island for duty as post surgeon.

The death of Capt. A. R. Egbert, 2d U. S. Infantry, promotes Bvt.-Capt. Sidney E. Clark, senior first lieutenant to a captaincy. Capt. Clark is a veteran of the war, during a portion of which he served as major of the 12th Connecticut Volunteers.

MAJOR E. C. BAINBRIDGE, 3d U. S. Artillery, who has been in command of the battalion of his regiment in camp at Fort Monroe, Va., for some months past, is now enjoying a short leave, and will rejoin at Washington Barracks, D. C., about the middle of October.

GENERAL JOHN GIBSON, U. S. A., delivered recently before the Pacific Coast Board of Commerce an interesting address on "Coast Defences." At the close a resolution was adopted, thanking Gen. Gibson, and directing that the address be published as a part of the proceedings of the board.

A PITTSBURG, (Pa.) despatch to the *New York Times*, says: Captain Trimbleton, of the 7th U. S. Cavalry, commandant at Fort Sill, passed through Pittsburg, Sept. 25. He says the greatest Indian uprising of recent times is certain to come soon. [But who is Trimbleton? The *Army Register* knoweth him not.—ED. JOURNAL.]

The *Omaha Bee* says: "Major J. M. Bacon, 7th Cav., and family are at the Paxton. He relieves Maj. Vroom, who has gone to St. Louis. Colonel Bacon was formerly aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. Sherman when the latter was in command of the Army.... Capt. Clapp, 16th Inf., Fort Douglas, goes to Hot Springs, Ark.... Col. I. H. Stanton, Chief Paymaster, has gone to Fort Robinson as a witness before a military court."

The *Vancouver Independent* says:

Major Nash, Chief C. S., is visiting the posts in the Eastern part of the Department.... Col. Michael Sheridan, brother of the late Gen. Sheridan, and wife are the guests of Major and Mrs. Lydecker this week.... There was a delightful hop at the post recently. During the evening most excellent music was rendered apart by two Italian professors.

GENERAL W. D. WHIPPLE, U. S. A., and family are located for the present at Stamford, Conn.

COLONEL M. M. BLUNT, 16th U. S. Inf., East on leave, is at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York City.

CAPTAIN G. B. RUSSELL, 9th U. S. Infantry, lately at Plymouth, Mass., has had his sick leave extended two months.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE MONTGOMERY, 2d U. S. Art., a graduate of 1890, joins Ramsay's battery at Fort Schuyler, N. Y. H.

LIEUTENANT C. L. BEST, 1st U. S. Art., under recent orders, will soon join Shaw's battery at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H.

CAPTAIN CHAS. P. EAGAN, U. S. A., returned to San Antonio this week and has now gone to Mexico to spend a portion of his leave.

LIEUTENANT C. L. COLLINS, 24th U. S. Inf., of Gen. McCook's staff, has returned to Los Angeles, Cal., from a trip to Whipple Barracks.

CAPTAIN J. H. SMITH, 19th U. S. Inf., of Fort Mackinac, was expected in New York City this week for a tour of recruiting duty at David's Island.

GENERAL G. W. CULLUM, U. S. A., retired, has left Newport, R. I., where he has been spending the summer, for his residence at 261 5th avenue, N. Y. City.

COLONEL W. B. LANE, U. S. A., and Mrs. Lane, now visiting in Philadelphia, will go to Old Point Comfort in a few days, where they will locate at the Hyrcela Hotel.

INSPECTOR-GENERAL J. P. SANGER, U. S. A., has returned to St. Louis from a trip to Oklahoma Territory, and was in Washington this week for duty with Gen. Breckinridge.

MAJOR F. S. DODGE, Paymaster, U. S. A., at present visiting friends at Danvers, Mass., is expected to establish his office at Walla Walla, Wash., towards the end of October.

CAPTAIN CHAS. G. PENNEY, 6th U. S. Infantry, has arrived at Fort Porter, N. Y., and under special assignment, has taken charge of quartermaster and subsistence matters at that post.

The retirement of Capt. J. W. Bean, 15th U. S. Inf., now at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, on leave, promotes 1st Lieut. G. A. Cornish to captain, and 2d Lieut. Edward Lloyd to 1st lieutenant.

CAPTAIN W. C. MANNING, 23d U. S. Infantry, who is at present spending a sick leave at Groase Isle, near Detroit, Mich., will leave that place about Oct. 10 to join his company at San Antonio, Tex.

COLONEL HENRY DOUGLASS, 10th U. S. Inf., and family, lately at Wilkesbarre, Pa., have gone to Barnegat Park, N. J. The colonel, we are glad to learn, is getting better, but is still far from well.

LIEUTENANT GEORGE T. BARTLETT, 3d U. S. Artillery, joined Woodruff's Light Battery F, at Fort Leavenworth this week, relieving Lieut. H. H. Ludlow, who joins Hess's battery at Washington Barracks.

The many friends of Capt. Wm. Gerlach, 3d U. S. Inf., in the business and social circles of St. Paul and Minneapolis, will be pleased to hear that he has been relieved from duty at Fort Meade and directed to return to Fort Snelling.—*Pioneer Press*.

GENERAL GEORGE D. RUGGLES, U. S. A., is expected at Governor's Island, next week, to assume charge of the A. G. O. Headquarters, Division of the Atlantic. His successor at the Headquarters Division of the Pacific, Gen. O. D. Greene, U. S. A., arrived at San Francisco this week.

ASSISTANT-SURGEON THEODORE F. DEWITT, U. S. Army, one of the bright young medical officers of the Army, was married, Sept. 25, at Cornwell-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., to Miss Harriet Matthiessen, daughter of Mr. E. A. Matthiessen. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Prof. John De Witt, D.D., LL.D., L. H. D., of New Brunswick, N. J.

The *San Antonio Express* says, with reference to "Fort Sam Houston": "The officers are not pleased with the abbreviation of the name. As one said: 'Why not say Fort Houston or Samuel Houston?' Sam Houston is slang. According to that, why not call Fort Sheridan, Phil Sheridan, or Ft. George H. Thomas, Pap Thomas, their nicknames? It does not require to say Sam Houston to distinguish this great citizen from others of the name."

"Many happy returns of the Day" to Major De Witt C. Poole, paymaster, U. S. A., born Sept. 28; to Capt. Chas. H. Warren, 14th Inf., born Sept. 29; to Major C. H. Hoyt, U. S. A., born Sept. 30; to Gen. A. Beckwith, U. S. A., born Oct. 4; to Gen. J. P. Hawkins, U. S. A., born Sept. 29; to Major-Gen. John M. Schofield, U. S. A., born Sept. 29; to Gen. W. M. Graham, lieutenant colonel 5th U. S. Art., born Sept. 28; to Capt. Chas. G. Gordon, U. S. A., born Sept. 28.

COLONEL H. P. CURTIS, U. S. A., much to the regret of his many friends at Governor's Island and vicinity, will soon relinquish duty on the staff of Maj. Gen. Howard for duty on the staff of Gen. Ruger at St. Paul. He will be replaced at Governor's Island by Col. Thos. F. Barr, who, at his own request, relinquishes duty at the War Department. Col. Barr was on duty in New York, at the Hdqrs. Dept. of the East, several years ago, and has a large circle of friends in that city.

"CHEVALIER JAMES MATLACK SCOVEL, lawyer, journalist, stump-speaker and patriot generally," says the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, is the subject of a good story:

He was introduced on several occasions by enthusiastic chairmen of the various mass meetings as "General" Scovel, and after his speech some of the veterans of the war would crowd around him and address him as "General Schofield," the similarity of names and identity of title naturally giving rise to the error. One grizzled veteran on one occasion grasped him by the hand and said: "General, do you remember how we won the battle of—?" (and here the veteran mentioned one of the engagements in which General Schofield participated.) Chevalier Scovel impressively and with unfeigned heartiness replied: "Yes, by—, and we did win it, didn't we?" And one veteran went away happy at the thought that he had spoken to his old general again before he died.

LIEUTENANTS CHARLES L. PHILLIPS, 4th U. S. Art., is visiting at 73 Wall street, Auburn, N. Y.

GENERAL WOLSELEY arrived in Dublin this week, to assume command of the troops in Ireland.

CAPTAIN L. W. CHAMPTON, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. A., left Chicago this week on a month's vacation.

The President Sept. 26 signed the bill granting a pension to Henry A. Barnum, brevet major general of volunteers.

COLONEL ALBERT BARNITE, U. S. A., wife and three daughters will sail for Europe on the *City of Chicago* Oct. 8.

LIEUTENANT C. H. CABANISS, Jr., 18th U. S. Inf., left Charleston, S. C., Oct. 1, to join his company at Fort Clark, Texas.

LIEUTENANT J. C. GREGG, 16th U. S. Inf., will shortly enter upon a tour of duty of torpedo instruction at Willet's Point.

LIEUTENANT T. B. LAMOREUX, 4th U. S. Art., who was graduated last June, was expected this week at New Orleans for duty with Campbell's battery.

COLONEL H. W. CLOSSON, 4th U. S. Art., arrived in Washington on Tuesday from Atlanta to attend the sessions of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification.

GENERAL JUBAL A. EARLY had a narrow escape from death at Lynchburg, Va., on Tuesday, owing to a brick wall falling on him. He was injured, but not severely.

LIEUTENANT JAMES J. HORNBRUCK, 2d U. S. Cavalry, en route to join his regiment at Fort Lowell, Arizona, was a guest a few days ago at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis.

LIEUTENANT W. H. BEAN, 2d U. S. Cav., has received a further "stay" so as to continue him on duty with the National Guard of Pennsylvania until Jan. 1 next.

LIEUTENANT R. T. EMMET, 9th U. S. Cav., lately on recruiting service in New York City, will spend the winter on leave, and leave the Army for civil pursuits in April next.

CAPTAIN JAMES N. WHEELAN, 2d U. S. Cav., on leave from Fort Huachuca, is a recent guest at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York City. He visited West Point on Thursday and Friday of this week.

MRS. M. A. MULLIGAN, widow of the Union General who became famous by his gallant defence of Lexington, and was afterward mortally wounded in battle while leading the Irish brigade at Winchester, has been nominated for Superintendent of Schools at Chicago.

The *Alta-California* says: "The mantle of Gen. Miles seems to have fallen upon his successor, for Gen. Gibbon in his recent address before the Chamber of Commerce illustrates the fact that he no less than Gen. Miles takes a warm interest in all that pertains to the Pacific Coast and its defenses."

A Fort Clark correspondent writes: "Asst. Surg. Edward B. Moseley, who has for over a year been post surgeon at this post, leaves in a few days for duty as post surgeon at Fort Houston. During Capt. Moseley's tour of duty here he has shown himself an excellent surgeon and a kind and considerate gentleman to all who come in contact with him. His loss is to be greatly regretted."

The Rochester (N. Y.) *Advertiser* says: "Capt. S. R. Stafford, U. S. A., who for over 25 years has been absent from this place in the service of his country, first as a volunteer in the Union Army, and from thence transferred to the Regular Army, has been honorably placed by the Government on the retired list, and in the future will make Brookport his permanent home, to which our citizens are proud to welcome him."

GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN and Gen. R. de Trobriand, U. S. A., of New York, are guests of Mr. James W. Pinchot, having come to Gray Towers on Tuesday. Gen. Sherman has visited Mr. Pinchot before and Gen. de Trobriand is no stranger to Milford, having been a guest of the old Pike County House with his family in 1858 and for three succeeding summers. The illustrious visitors are heartily welcomed to old Milford.—*Milford (Pa.) Dispatch*.

A St. Augustine (Fla.) correspondent writes: "Lieut. W. N. P. Darrow, 4th U. S. Art., expected for duty at St. Francis Barracks, was married Sept. 23, at Columbus, Ohio, to Miss Mary Neal, a leading belle at Ohio's capital city. The engagement of Lieut. Samuel A. Smoke, 18th U. S. Inf., to Miss Susan Harris Trimble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Trimble, of Columbus, Mo., is announced in Army circles. Lieut. Smoke is a Micanopy, Fla., boy, who won his 'straps' by hard study at West Point, and if not misjudged, will yet win his 'spurs.'"

The Philadelphia papers report that at a meeting of the Common Council of Philadelphia, on Sept. 25, "Mr. Meehan spoke in feeling tones of the sacrifice the Comte de Paris made for this country during the Civil War, and he said as the Comte is coming to this country to visit some of the battlefields, and in view of the Comte joining our forces and being under Philadelphia's son, Gen. George B. McClellan, in the Army of the Potomac; therefore,

"Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the city of Philadelphia, that the Mayor be requested, on the part of the city, to extend to the Comte de Paris, on his arrival here, a cordial welcome, and to assure him that a city that sacrificed thousands of lives and millions of dollars in defence of the Union will never forget his noble services in its behalf."

The Philadelphia Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion will give a reception to the Comte on Monday evening, Oct. 6, at the Union League Club in Broad street. The programme for his entertainment in New York provides for his reception on arrival, Oct. 3, by a Committee of Corps Commanders. On his return to New York he will dine with Gen. Butterfield Oct. 16 at the Union Club to meet a party of 20 gentlemen prominent in civil life. On Monday, Oct. 20, 84 ex-officers of the Army of the Potomac will join in giving him a dinner at Delmonico's. Gen. Sherman will also give him a dinner party.

GENERAL N. B. SWETZER, U. S. A., and family are at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati.

LIEUTENANT F. W. SLADEN, 14th U. S. Infantry, a graduate of 1890, joins Warren's Company G, at Vancouver Barracks, next week, a fact pleasing to his parents, who reside in Portland, Oregon.

At a recent meeting Troop G, 5th U. S. Cav., passed resolutions in honor of the memory of the late Lieut. C. L. Foster and expressive of deep sorrow of the members for the loss the troop has sustained.

GENERAL AND MRS. ORLANDO M. POE have issued cards of invitation to the marriage of their daughter, Winifred Lee, to Mr. Henry Fitzhugh, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 22, at eight o'clock, Christ Church, Detroit.

Mrs. JESSIE BENTON FREMONT, the widow of Gen. J. C. Fremont, has addressed a letter to the Editor of the *Los Angeles Times*, in which she expresses great gratitude for the timely aid rendered during the recent financial straits of herself and daughter. She states further that in view of the passage of a bill granting her a pension the emergency has been tided over, and she desires no further assistance.

Mr. THOS. HYDE, Jr., and Miss Ellen Adair Augur, daughter of Gen. C. C. Augur, U. S. A., were married at St. John's, Washington, D. C., Oct. 1. The Rev. Dr. Register, of St. John's Church, Georgetown, and Dr. Douglass, officiated. The bride entered escorted by her father. Mr. Ward Toland acted as best man. After a wedding breakfast at the Augur residence Mr. and Mrs. Hyde started for New York and Lake George to spend a few weeks.

The following Army officers registered at the War Department this week: Capt. R. P. Strong, 4th Art.; Major A. E. Bates, Pay Dept.; Major J. A. P. Hampson, 12th Inf.; 1st Lieut. M. O'Brien, retired; Add'l 2d Lieut. F. G. Mauldin, 3d Art.; 2d Lieut. Jos. C. Fox, 13th Inf.; Capt. Clayton S. Burbank, 10th Inf.; Col. Henry L. Abbot, Engrs.; Col. Henry W. Closson, 5th Art.; 1st Lieut. Charles W. Abbot, Jr., 12th Inf.; Capt. Walter Reed, Med. Dept.; Lieut.-Col. A. Mordecai, Ordnance.

COMMANDER C. S. COTTON, U. S. N., and Mrs. Cotton are in St. Louis, Mo.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR A. L. GIBON, U. S. N., arrived in New York City from Europe on Tuesday.

COMMANDER F. M. BARBER, U. S. N., registered at the Hoffman House, New York City, on Wednesday.

PAYMASTER G. A. SAWYER, U. S. N., and family, are recent guests at the Lafayette Hotel, Philadelphia.

The engagement is announced of Miss Claude Fay, daughter of Prof. W. W. Fay, U. S. Naval Academy, to Lieut. C. L. A. Ingate, U. S. M. C.

LIEUTENANT H. L. TREMAIN, P. A. Surgeon A. C. Heffenger, and P. A. Engineer John A. Tobin were before the Naval Retiring Board in Washington this week.

LIEUTENANT PRESTON H. UBERBROTH, U. S. R. M., contributes to the *Youth's Companion*, a chatty and instructive article entitled "Sponge Fishing on the Florida Reefs."

PAYMASTER JOSEPH FOSTER, U. S. N., an enthusiastic G. A. R. man, will take a prominent part in a flag presentation to the public schools at Portsmouth, N. H., to take place on Thursday next, October 9.

It is expected that Chief Engineer Charles H. Baker, who has recently returned from a year's leave in Europe, will succeed Chief Engineer C. H. Loring as president of the Engineer Experimental Board at the New York Navy-yard upon the latter's retirement in December next.

UPON P. A. Engr. Harrie Webster's return to Washington from San Francisco, where he has just arrived from a three-years' cruise on the *Nipsic*, it is expected that he will be ordered to duty in the Bureau of Steam Engineering, where he made a most useful assistant to the Engineer-in-Chief six years ago.

PAYMASTER WORTHINGTON GOLDSBOROUGH, U. S. Navy, having received orders for duty as paymaster of the *Charleston*, his family have returned to the old home in Cambridge, Md., where they will live during Mr. Goldsborough's absence at sea. He will spend a few weeks at his old home before joining the *Charleston*.

The accounting officers of the Treasury have decided that the officers attached to the training ship *New Hampshire*, during the summer months when the crew were in camp at Newport are not entitled to sea pay for that period for the reason that they obtained allowance for quarters on shore. This applies to every officer on the vessel except the paymaster, who had his funds on the ship and lived on board of her. They have been called upon to refund the difference between shore duty and sea pay for the period named.

The Honolulu *Commercial-Advertiser* of Sept. 4 says: "Capt. McCurley and officers of the U. S. S. *Nipsic* gave a farewell ball on board the vessel yesterday evening. The decorations were superb and won the admiration of all present. The invited guests were warmly welcomed by Capt. McCurley and his officers and most agreeably entertained during their stay. His Majesty the King, members of the Cabinet, diplomatic and consular corps, and a large number of prominent citizens were among those present. The early departure of the *Nipsic* is regretted, as her officers have become familiar figures in the community, and will be much missed."

The California mines produce more than a fourth part of the world's supply of quicksilver. Last year they gave 26,464 flasks or 2,024,493 lb., from eleven mines with 36 furnaces, utilizing 2,197 horse-power of motors. Spain, Austria, and Italy produced 74,772 flasks, making the total 101,236 flasks. The world's supply in the past ten years has been 1,009,611 flasks, of which America contributed 407,675 flasks. The production in America has been steadily decreasing.

THE ARMY.

BENJAMIN HARRISON, President and Commander-in-Chief.

REDFIELD PROCTOR, Secretary of War.

LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War.

CONFIRMATIONS.

OCT. 1, 1890.

Medical Department.

Major Blencowe E. Fryer, surgeon, to be assistant medical purveyor with the rank of lieutenant colonel, Aug. 28, 1890, vice Irwin, promoted surgeon with the rank of colonel. Capt. Stevens G. Cowdrey, assistant surgeon, to be surgeon with the rank of major, Aug. 28, 1890, vice Fryer, promoted.

First Cavalry.

2d Lieut. James B. Alshire, to be 1st lieutenant, Sept. 20, 1890, vice Miller, appointed assistant quartermaster. Add'l 2d Lieut. James Madison Andrews, Jr., 5th Cavalry, to be 2d lieutenant, Sept. 20, 1890, vice Alshire, promoted.

Second Infantry.

1st Lieut. Sidney E. Clark, to be captain, Sept. 25, 1890, vice Exbert, deceased. 2d Lieut. Virgil J. Brumback, to be 1st lieutenant, Sept. 25, 1890, vice Clark, promoted.

Fifteenth Infantry.

1st Lieut. Geo. A. Cornish, to be captain, Sept. 29, 1890, vice Bean, retired from active service. 2d Lieut. Edward J. Lloyd, to be 1st lieutenant, Sept. 29, 1890, vice Cornish, promoted.

Ordnance Department.

Lieut.-Col. Daniel W. Flagler, to be colonel, Sept. 15, 1890, vice Raylor, deceased.

Retired.

George M. Wheeler, now a captain on the retired list of the Army, to be a major on that list, with the rank and pay of that grade from July 23, 1888.

For promotion on the retired list, in accordance with recent act of Congress:

1st Lieut. Henry H. Bellas, U. S. Army, retired, to be captain of cavalry, to date from April 24, 1888.

1st Lieut. Geo. W. Kingsbury, U. S. Army, retired, to be captain of infantry, to date from Feb. 12, 1890.

G. O. 105, H. Q. A., Sept. 23, 1890.

Publishes the order of the President constituting a Board on Geographic Names. [The order was published under "Navy Gazette," in JOURNAL of Sept. 27, p. 73.]

G. O. 106, H. Q. A., Sept. 23, 1890.

Publishes correspondence received from the Treasury Department, relative to the rendition of public accounts, including the following: "That hereafter all disbursing officers of the United States shall render their accounts quarterly; and the Secretary of the Senate shall render his accounts as heretofore; but the Secretary of the Treasury may direct any or all such accounts to be rendered more frequently when, in his judgment, the public interests may require. (Sundry Civil Act, approved Aug. 30, 1890.)"

G. O. 108, H. Q. A., Sept. 26, 1890.

By direction of the Secretary of War the following additional rules, under section 2 of the act of Congress approved June 16, 1890, providing for the furlough and discharge of certain soldiers, are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

1. Every soldier who has deserted at any time during the term of an enlistment shall be deemed ineligible to furlough or discharge as prescribed in paragraphs 1 and 2, General Orders, No. 80, 1890, and paragraph 2, General Orders, No. 81, 1890, from this office, his antecedent services not being regarded as faithful.

2. Should the company commander, in forwarding an application for furlough, or discharge, under the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 2, General Orders, No. 80, 1890, from this office, report the soldier's antecedent service unfaithful, the post commander shall at once convene a board of officers to determine the case. If the post commander reports a soldier in like manner, the board of officers herein prescribed shall be convened by the department commander from the officers of the post to which the applicant belongs. The proceedings of the board, which shall carefully set forth all the facts pertinent to the inquiry, with the views of intermediate commanders insofar as thereon, shall be transmitted for the consideration and action of the War Department.

By command of Major-Gen. Schofield:
CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER, Act. Adjt.-General.

G. O. 110, H. Q. A., Sept. 26, 1890.

By direction of the Secretary of War paragraphs 450 and 466 of the Regulations are amended to read as follows:

450. The Vice President and President of the Senate receive a salute of nineteen guns; members of the Cabinet, the Chief Justice, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, a committee of Congress officially visiting a military post, and governors within their respective States or Territories, receive seventeen guns. The Assistant Secretary of War receives fifteen guns.

466. The orders announcing the death of a general officer, or other person entitled to a salute of cannon, will specify the number of guns to be fired at half-hour intervals, commencing at 8 o'clock A. M. on the day after the receipt of the order. The number of guns fired will be that to which the deceased was entitled, and the posts at which they shall be fired will be designated in the order.

By command of Major-Gen. Schofield:
CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER, Act. Adjt.-General.

G. O. 112, H. Q. A., Oct. 2, 1890.

The following tables are published for the information of the Army:

1. The competitors named in the accompanying table (I) are announced as the winners of the prizes prescribed in paragraphs 600 and 602, Small-Arms Firing Regulations.

2. The competitors named in the accompanying tables (II, and III), are announced as the winners of the prizes prescribed in paragraphs 603 and 604, Small-Arms Firing Regulations.

3. The marksmen named in the accompanying table (IV), having fulfilled the conditions prescribed in paragraph 606, Small Arms Firing Regulations, are hereby transferred to the class of "distinguished marksmen."

By command of Major-Gen. Schofield:
CHAUNCEY MCKEEVER, Act. Adjt. Gen.

[We omit the tables.]

STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS.

Judge Advocate General's Department.

Capt. Harvey C. Carbaugh, A. J. A., is detailed as recorder of retiring board (S. O. 83, Sept. 24; D. Tex.)

The following is ordered, to take effect Nov. 1: Lieut.-Col. Thomas F. Barr, D. J. A. G., is, at his own request, relieved from his present duties in the War Department, and will proceed to the Comdr. Gen. Div. Atlantic for duty as J. A. Lieut.-Col. Herbert P. Curtis, D. J. A. G., is relieved from duty at Hdqrs. Div. Atlantic, and will report to the Comdr. Gen. Div. Dakota for duty as J. A., relieving Capt. Stephen W. Groesbeck, A. J. A. (capt., 6th Inf.), who will report to the C. O. of his regiment for duty therewith (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

Leave for six months, to take effect Nov. 1, with permission to leave the U. S., is granted Lieut. Col. Herbert P. Curtis, D. J. A. G. (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Lieut.-Col. George H. Burton, I. G., will proceed to Folsom, Cal., on public business (S. O. 82, Sept. 22, D. Cal.).

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Leave for 20 days is granted Col. Henry C. Hodges, A. Q. M. G. (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.).

The C. O. Fort Grant will grant a furlough for six months, with permission to leave the U. S., to Post Q. M. Sergt. August Kurleman (S. O. 94, Sept. 22, D. Arizona).

Leave for 25 days is granted Lieut.-Col. James M. Moore, D. Q. M. G. (S. O., Sept. 30, H. Q. A.).

Major S. T. Cushing, C. S., Fort Leavenworth, will proceed to Kansas City on business (S. O. 131, Sept. 22, Dept. M.).

Leave for one month, to take effect Oct. 3, is granted Capt. Wells Willard, C. S. (S. O. 83, Sept. 24, D. Texas).

Comy. Sergt. John F. C. Doseher, Fort Mackinac, will proceed to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for duty, relieving Comy. Sergt. James Jennings, who will proceed to Fort Mackinac for duty (S. O., Sept. 26, H. Q. A.).

Pay Department.

Lieut.-Col. Thaddeus H. Stanton, chief paymr., will proceed to Fort Robinson on public business (S. O. 71, Sept. 22, D. Platte).

Leave for 15 days is granted Major Chas. McClure, paymr., St. Paul (S. O. 138, Sept. 23, D. Dak.).

Payment of troops for the muster of Sept. 30 will be made as follows: Lieut. Col. Thaddeus H. Stanton, chief paymr., at Fort Omaha and Omaha Ord. Depot; Major Wm. E. Creary, P. D., at Fort Douglas, Camp Pilot Butte and detachment of 17th Inf. at Fort Bridger; Major Wm. H. Comegys, P. D., at Fort D. A. Russell and Fort Sidney; Major John P. Baker, P. D., at Fort Niobrara and Robinson and Camp at Oelrich's and Fort Meade (S. O. 72, Sept. 25, D. Platte).

Major Wm. F. Tucker, paymr., will proceed to Fort Myer, Washington Bks., Fort McHenry, Fort Monroe, and Fort McPherson to pay the troops to Sept. 30 (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

The leave granted Major Wm. H. Eckels, paymr., is extended 15 days (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

Major Geo. W. Canader, P. D., will pay the troops on muster of Sept. 30 at Fort Sheridan, Rock Island Arsenal, Fort Thomas, Columbus Bks. and Fort Wayne (S. O. 80, Sept. 30, Div. M.).

Medical Department.

A. A. Surg. A. P. Frick is relieved from duty at Fort Selden and will proceed to Fort Bayard for temporary duty (S. O. 92, Sept. 18, D. Arizona).

Leave for one month, to take effect Oct. 1, is granted Capt. C. B. Ewing, asst. surg. (S. O. 131, Sept. 22, Dept. M.).

S. O. 69, is modified to direct 1st Lieut. Julian M. Cabell, asst. surg., to return to Fort Niobrara on completion of journey to Fort Bridger (S. O. 71, Sept. 22, D. Platte).

Lieut.-Col. Dallas Bache, medical director, will proceed to Forts Niobrara and Robinson on public business (S. O. 71, Sept. 22, D. Platte).

Capt. Henry S. Turrill, asst. surg., will proceed to Vancouver Bks. and report for temporary duty (S. O. 115, Sept. 22, D. Columbia).

A. A. Surg. J. L. Ord will immediately proceed from Fort Grant to San Carlos for temporary duty (S. O. 96, Sept. 24, D. Ariz.).

S. O. 71, is modified to direct 1st Lieut. Julian M. Cabell, asst. surg., to proceed from Fort Bridger, with Cos. D, F and H, 21st Inf., to Fort Douglas and then return to Fort Niobrara (S. O. 72, Sept. 25, D. Platte).

Leave for 20 days, to take effect when his services can be spared, is granted Capt. Louis S. Teason, asst. surg., Fort Sidney (S. O. 72, Sept. 25, D. Platte).

In view of the abandonment of Fort Crawford, Capt. J. L. Phillips, asst. surg., will, on the expiration of his leave, proceed to Fort Logan and report for duty (S. O. 135, Sept. 27, Dept. M.).

Leave for one month, to take effect upon the abandonment of Fort Gibson, is granted A. A. Surg. T. B. Chase, with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 135, Sept. 27, Dept. M.).

In view of the abandonment of Fort Gibson, Capt. W. O. Owen, Jr., asst. surg., will, upon the expiration of his present leave, proceed to Fort Sill and report for duty (S. O. 135, Sept. 27, Dept. M.).

So soon as he shall have disposed of the hospital and medical property at Fort Crawford, A. A. Surg. F. W. P. Butler, will proceed to Fort Sill and report for duty (S. O. 135, Sept. 27, Dept. M.).

The leave granted Capt. John L. Phillips, asst. surg., is extended two months (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.).

Leave for one month, to take effect about Oct. 1, is granted Capt. Louis W. Crampton, asst. surg., Fort Sheridan (S. O. 80, Sept. 30, Div. M.).

Major Johnson V. D. Middleton, surg., having reported, is, in addition to his duties at Fort Columbus, assigned to duty as attending surgeon at Division Headquarters (S. O. 233, Oct. 1, Div. A.).

Hospl. Steward James M. Trute is relieved from duty at Fort McDowell and will proceed to Whipple Bks. for temporary duty (S. O. 96, Sept. 24, D. Ariz.).

Hospl. Steward Hermann Erpebeck, Fort Omaha, will proceed to Camp Pilot Butte for temporary duty (S. O. 72, Sept. 25, D. Platte).

Hospl. Steward Charles Keenan, Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, will proceed to Fort Wood for duty (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

Engineers and Ordnance Departments.

Leave for one month, commencing about Oct. 1, with permission to apply for an extension of one month, is granted Capt. Curtis McD. Townsend, C. E. (S. O. 65, Sept. 25, C. E.).

Major Clarence E. Dutton, O. D., recorder of the gun factory board, will proceed to the Watervliet Arsenal and to the steel works at Bethlehem on official business (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

The following changes in the stations of ordnance sergeants are made: Ord. Sergt. Chas. Gill, Fort Elliott, will proceed to Fort at Clark's Point, Mass., and relieve Ord. Sergt. Leopold Schnyder, who will proceed to San Carlos for duty (S. O., Sept. 30, H. Q. A.).

Signal Corps.

1st Class Pvt. Judson S. Walter will proceed from Cincinnati to Memphis for duty as assistant to the observer in charge of that station (S. O. 127, Sept. 29, Sig. Office.).

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel James S. Brislin.

Hdqs., B. D. E. and G. Ft. Custer, Mont.; I. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C. F. and H. Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; A and K. Camp Sheridan, Wyo.

Leave for one month on Surgeon's certificate is granted Col. James S. Brislin, Fort Custer (S. O. 138, Sept. 23, D. Dak.).

2nd Cavalry, Colonel David R. Clendenin.

Hdqs., D. and H. Ft. Lowell, Ariz.; B. C. G. and I. Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; A. E. and K. Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; F. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

S. O. 131, relieving 2d Lieut. William H. Bean from duty in connection with the National Guard of Pennsylvania, is further amended to take effect Jan. 1, 1891 (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert G. Brackett.

Hdqs., A. G. Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; F. Ft. Davis, Tex.; D. H. I. and K. Ft. Sem Houston, Tex.; C. Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; B. Ft. Brown, Tex.; A. Camp at Eagle Pass, Tex.; E. Camp Pecos Colorado, Tex.

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Cecil Stewart is extended ten days (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.).

1st Sergt. Harry Trebus, Troop M, is permanently assigned as sergeant to Troop A (S. O. 83, Sept. 24, D. Tex.).

4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdqs., A. C. D. and H. Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; I and K. Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; G. Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E. Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F. Boise Bks., Idaho; B. Ft. Myer, Va.

Leave for two months, to take effect when his attendance before the District Court, Arizona, shall be no longer required, is granted 2d Lieut. Letcher Hardeman (S. O. 81, Sept. 19, Div. P.).

Leave for one month is granted 2d Lieut. William H. Hart (S. O. 115, Sept. 22, D. Columbia).

The following transfers are made: 1st Lt. Charles P. Elliott, from Troop B to G; 1st Lieut. John M. Neall, from Troop G to B (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

Sergt. Robert D. Mayer, Troop B, Fort Myer, is transferred to the Hospital Corps as a private (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.).

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqs., B. C. G. and K. Ft. Reno, Okh. T.; E and H. Ft. Millott, Tex.; D. Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A and F. Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

At the expiration of his present leave, Major Wirt Davis will report for duty at Hdqs. Dept. of Missouri (S. O. 131, Sept. 22, Dept. M.).

Major L. H. Carpenter will inspect public property and troop horses at Fort Myer, Va., requiring the action of an inspector (S. O. 232, Sept. 30, Div. A.).

The leave granted Capt. Albert E. Woodson is extended one month (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.).

Lieut. M. C. Butler, Jr., writing from the camp, thirty-five miles from Fort Supply camp, says: "Our camp is beautifully located, the water is excellent, and game is abundant and not far away. Trumpeter Kash and Sergt. Grieb brought in a deer Friday weighing at least 200 pounds. Turkeys are brought in every evening and we have a Thanksgiving dinner daily. An immense wild hog was killed to-day; game of all kinds you see. Our mess, under the management of Capt. Augur, with Pvt. Smith as cook, is a howling success."

A Fort Reno correspondent writes: "It is whispered around that the next station of the Headquarters of the 5th will be Fort Sheridan, Ill."

6th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr.

Hdqs., A. C. E. F. H. and K. Ft. Wingate, N. M.; I. Ft. Lewis, Colo.; D. Ft. Stanton, N. M.; B. Ft. Myer, Va.; G. Ft. Union, N. M.

Capt. William M. Wallace and 2d Lieuts. George McK. Williamson and Charles D. Rhodes are detailed members of the G. C.-M. at Fort Marcy, N. M. (S. O. 94, Sept. 22, D. Ariz.).

Leave of absence for four months is granted Capt. William Stanton (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. E. G. I. and K. Ft. Riley, Kas.; F and H. Ft. Sill, Okh. T.

Leave for four months on account of disability, to take effect on being relieved from recruiting duty, is granted Capt. Francis M. Gibson (S. O., Sept. 25, H. Q. A.).

8th Cavalry, Colonel Elmer Otis.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. and I. Ft. Meade, S. D.; H and K. Ft. Keogh, Mont.; E. Ft. Buford, N. D.; F and G. Ft. Yates, N. D.

Sergt. Frank Mueller, Troop I, has been reduced and fined \$30 for absence without leave from Fort Meade.

9th Cavalry, Colonel Joseph G. Tilford.

Hdqs., B. F. I. and K. Ft. Robinson, Neb.; A and G. Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; D and H. Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; E. Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; C. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

2d Lieut. P. A. Bettens, Jr., is detailed to inspect beef cattle at Pine Ridge Agency, S. D. (S. O. 72, Sept. 25, D. Platte).

Leave to include April 1, 1891, is granted 1st Lieut. Robert T. Emmet, and his resignation has been accepted by the President, to take effect April 1, 1891 (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

2d Lieut. Guy H. Preston will proceed to Fort Myer, Va., for temporary duty (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Mizner.

Hdqs., A. C. F. and G. Ft. Grant, A. T.; B. E. H. and I. Ft. Apache, A. T.; K. Ft. Thomas, A. T.; A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, Ft. Bayard, N. M.

Capt. William B. Kennedy, on leave of absence at St. Louis, Mo., will report by telegraph to the su-

perintendent of the recruiting station at New York City, to conduct recruits for the 4th Cavalry to the Division of the Pacific (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdqs., A. G. I. and K. Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. H.; C. D. and I. Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y. H.; E. Ft. Riley, Kas.; B. H. and M. Ft. Columbus, N. Y. H.; F. Ft. Monroe, Va.

So much of S. O. 98 as relates to 1st Lieuts. David Price and Clermont L. Best, Jr., is revoked, and the following transfers are made, to take effect Oct. 1, 1890: 1st Lieut. Clermont L. Best, Jr., from Light Bat. E to Bat. I; 1st Lieut. Albert Todd, from Bat. I to Light Bat. E (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.).

The Q. M. Dept. will furnish transportation from Fort Pulaski to Fort Columbus for 5,000 pounds of cannon powder, to be transferred to 2d Lieut. Samuel Rodman, Jr., A. O. O. (S. O. 234, Oct. 2, Div. A.).

2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdqs., C. G. and H. Ft. Adams, R. I.; I. Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E. Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A. Ft. Riley, Kas.; F. Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; J. Ft. Monroe, Va.; K and M, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.

1st Lieut. Sebree Smith is relieved as J.-A. of the G. C.-M. at Fort Adams, R. I. (S. O. 231, Sept. 29, Div. A.).

Leave for two months on Surgeon's certificate is granted Capt. George Mitchell, Fort Adams (S. O. 232, Sept. 30, Div. A.).

2d Lieut. Richmond P. Davis, Fort Schuyler, will proceed to New York City on public business (S. O. 233, Oct. 1, Div. A.).

3rd Artillery, Colonel Horatio G. Gibson.

Hdqs., A. C. E. H. K. and L. Washington Bks., D. C.; D. G. and I. Ft. McHenry, Md.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F. Ft. Sem Houston, Tex.

Gen. Gibson has been instructed to allow the troops at Washington Barracks to be formed and drilled under direction of Lieut. Kennon, 6th Inf., in connection with that officer's special duty with the Board of Organization, Navy Dept.

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqs., C. D. K. and L. Ft. McPherson, Ga.; B. Ft. Adams, R. I.; F. Ft. Riley, Kas.; H. Ft. Monroe, Va.; I. Jackson Bks., La.; A and M, Ft. Barrancas, Fla.; E and G, St. Francis Barracks, Fla.

The leave for seven days granted Capt. R. P. Strong, Fort McPherson, is extended fifteen days (S. O. 230, Sept. 27, Div. A.).

2d Lieut. Wirt Robinson is detailed J.-A. of the G. C.-M. at Fort Adams, R. I. (S. O. 231, Sept. 29, Div. A.).

Leave for one month, to commence about Oct. 10, is granted Major H. C. Hasbrouck, Fort McPherson (S. O. 231, Sept. 29, Div. A.).

The garrison of Fort Barrancas, now in summer camp at Fort McPherson, will return to its permanent station about Oct. 15 (S. O. 232, Sept. 30, Div. A.).

5th Artillery, Colonel Alex. Piper.

Hdqs., B. C. D. E. F. H. and K. Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; M. Ft. Mason, Cal.; K and L, Ft. Canby, Wash.; A and I. Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G. Ft. Monroe, Va.

Capt. Edmund L. Zalinski, on Nov. 1, will proceed to join his battery (B, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal. (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

2nd Infantry, Colonel Frank Wheaton.

Hdqs., A. B. C. D. E. F. G. and H. Ft. Omaha, Neb.

The leave of absence granted 1st Lieut. John Kinzie, adjutant, is extended five months (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqs., A. D. E. G. and H. Ft. Snelling, Minn.; B. C. and F. Ft. Meade, S. D.

4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlton.

Hdqs., D. E. G. and H. Ft. Sherman, Idaho; A. B. and F. Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C. Boise Barracks, Idaho.

Lieut.-Col. Frederick Mears will proceed to Fort Spokane by Oct. 1, and assume command of that post (S. O. 115, Sept. 22, D. Columbia).

Leave for two months, to take effect about Nov. 15, is granted 2d Lieut. John L. Sehoun, with permission to apply for an extension of two months (S. O. 82, Sept. 22, Div. P.).

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqs., B. and E. Ft. Bliss, Tex.; C and F. Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; A and G. Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; D. Ft. Brown, Tex.; H. Ft. Hancock, Tex.

1st Lieut. Hunter Liggett will proceed to Nevill's Spring, Tex., and assume command of the Seminole Negro-Indian Scouts (S. O. 82, Sept. 22, D. Tex.).

1st Lieut. Charles B. Thompson is appointed recruiting officer at Fort Ringgold, vice 1st Lieut. George P. Borden, relieved (S. O. 83, Sept. 24, D. Tex.).

6th Infantry, Colonel Melville A. Cochran.

Hdqs., F. and G. Ft. Thomas, Ky.; E. Newport Barracks, Ky.; A. Ft. Wood, N. Y. H.; B and D, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; C. Ft. Ontario, N. Y.; H. Flatbush Barracks, N. Y.

Capt. James W. Powell, Jr., will inspect subsistence stores at Fort Ontario, for which 1st Lieut. L. P. Davison, 11th Inf., A. C. S., is responsible (S. O. 230, Sept. 27, Div. A.).

2d Lieut. E. F. Taggart will proceed from Fort Thomas, Ky., to Pittsburgh Barracks, N. Y., and report for temporary duty with Co. C (S. O. 231, Sept. 29, Div. A.).

2d Lieut. H. H. Bandholz will, as soon as possible after his arrival at Fort Thomas, Ky., proceed to Fort Ontario and report for temporary duty with Co. C (S. O. 231, Sept. 29, Div. A.).

1st Lieut. Bernard A. Byrne, Fort Thomas, will report to conduct recruits from Columbus Barracks to the 5th Art. in the Div. of Pacific (S. O. 233, Oct. 1, Div. A.).

Leave for one month, to commence about Oct. 24, is granted 2d Lieut. Charles L. Beckurts, Newport Barracks (S. O. 234, Oct. 2, Div. A.).

So much of Par. 6, S. O. 227, Sept. 27, H. Q. A., as relates to Capt. Stephen W. Groesbeck, acting judge advocate, is so modified as to direct Capt. Groesbeck to remain on duty as acting judge advocate Dept. Dakota until Lieut.-Col. Herbert P. Curtis, deputy judge-advocate general, reports for duty at the headquarters of that Department from leave of absence (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.).

8th Infantry, Colonel August F. Kautz.

Hdqs., A. B. E. F. G. and H. Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.

1st Lieut. W. A. Mercer is detailed to inspect beef

cattle at Rosebud Agency, S. D. (S. O. 72, Sept. 25, D. Platte.)

1st Sergt. Emil Henry, Co. K (attached to Co. B), Fort Niobrara, is detailed for duty on recruiting service at Boston, Mass. (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.)

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.

Hdqs., B. C. and F. Whipple Bks., A. T.; E. San Diego Bks., Cal.; A. E. Mojave, A. T.; D. Ft. McDowell, A. T.; G. Ft. Huachuca, A. T.; H. Ft. Verde, A. T.

The leave on Surgeon's certificate granted Capt. George B. Russell is extended two months on Surgeon's certificate (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Henry Douglass.

Hdqs., D. Ft. Marcy, N. M.; C and H, Ft. Union, N. M.; E, Ft. Lewis, Colo.; F, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; A and F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; G, Oklahoma, Okh. T.

2d Lieut. J. A. Perry will proceed from Fort Marcy to San Carlos, and report for duty as Post Q. M. and A. C. S. (S. O. 92, Sept. 18, D. Ariz.)

In relinquishing command of Co. K, Capt. C. S. Burbank says in an order: "In parting with the company the company commander desires to take this opportunity to testify to the soldierly qualities and general good conduct of the enlisted men during the time he has commanded the company, and it is with feelings of deep regret that he now parts with them. He hopes that in their new field of duties they will conduct themselves in such a manner that the pride he has heretofore had in them will in no way be lessened. He now bids all farewell and hopes to hear well of them in future."

11th Infantry, Colonel Richard I. Dodge.

Hdqs., A, B, D, F, G, and H, Madison Bks., N. Y.; C and E, Ft. Niagara, N. Y.

The C. O. Co. E, Fort Niagara, is authorized to send to the National Armory four Springfield rifles, for which he is responsible (S. O. 231, Sept. 29, Div. A.)

12th Infantry, Colonel Edwin F. Townsend.

Hdqs., E, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; G and H, Ft. Yates, N. D.; B, C, and D, Ft. Sully, S. D.; F, Ft. Lincoln, N. D.; A, Ft. Bent, S. D.

Co. C (Viven's) is relieved from duty at the Lower Brulé Agency, and will return to Fort Sully (S. O. 137, Sept. 22, D. Dak.)

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. C. W. Abbot, Jr., Adj. (S. O. 131, Sept. 22, D. M.)

1st Lieut. W. W. Witherspoon, in charge of Apache Indian prisoners at Mount Vernon Barracks, Ala., will proceed to Carlisle, Pa., and Governor's Island on public business (S. O. 233, Oct. 1, Div. A.)

13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryant.

Hdqs., E, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; G, Ft. Reno, Okh. T.; A and D, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; B, Camp at Guthrie, Okh. T.; C, Camp Wade, near Kingfisher, Okh. T.

Having disposed of the public property at Fort Elliott, 2d Lieut. M. J. O'Brien will proceed to Fort Reno for duty with his company (S. O. 136, Sept. 29, Dept. M.)

Sgt. Henry H. Smith, Co. K (attached to Co. F), Fort Leavenworth, is detailed for duty on recruiting service at Louisville, Ky. (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.)

Sergt. Frank Schreiber, Co. C, tried at Fort Reno for "engaging in a disgraceful altercation with a citizen at a lunch counter," has been acquitted.

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdqs., B, C, D, E, F, and G, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; A, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

At his own request, 2d Lieut. James R. Lindsay is transferred from Co. A to Co. E (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.)

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdqs., B, Ft. Buford, N. D.; C, Ft. Randall, S. D.; D, Ft. Pembina, N. D.; E, Ft. Yates, N. D.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; G, Jackson Barracks, La.; H and I, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

The following are detailed additional members of the G. C.-M. at Fort Sheridan: Lieut.-Col. Richard F. O'Beirne and Capt. Henry H. Humphreys (S. O. 79, Sept. 25, Div. M.)

2d Lieut. Marous Maxwell is relieved as J.-A. and 2d Lieut. William N. Blow, Jr., is relieved as member and appointed J.-A. of the G. C.-M. at Fort Sheridan (S. O. 79, Sept. 25, Div. M.)

Capt. John W. Bean, having been found by an Army Retiring Board incapacitated for active service on account of disability incident to the service, is retired from active service Sept. 29 (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.)

Major Hugh A. Theaker will inspect subsistence stores at Mount Vernon Barracks, Ala., for which 2d Lieut. John Cotter, A. C. S., is responsible (S. O. 233, Oct. 1, Div. A.)

Sergt. C. W. Skemp, Co. E, Fort Sheridan, for drunkenness, has been mulcted \$10. (Lucky Skemp.)

17th Infantry, Colonel Henry R. Mizer.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.

18th Infantry, Colonel Mary L. Lazelle.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Clark, Tex.

2d Lieut. P. G. Lowe is relieved from command of the Seminole Negro-Indian Scouts, and will join his company at Fort Clark (S. O. 82, Sept. 22, D. Tex.)

Major George K. Brady will proceed to Camp Del Rio on public business (S. O. 83, Sept. 24, D. Tex.)

Mrs. Ericson, wife of Sergt.-Major Ericson, died recently at Fort Clark. The funeral was attended by almost every person in the garrison from Col. Lazelle down. The remains were interred in the post cemetery.

15th Infantry, Colonel Charles H. Smith.

Hdqs., A, G, and H, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B and E, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C and D, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.; F, Ft. Porter, N. Y.

1st Lieut. William P. Evans, R. Q. M., and 2d Lieut. Charles S. Fowler are detailed members of the G. C.-M. at Fort Wayne (S. O. 229, Sept. 26, Div. A.)

Capt. Jacob H. Smith will report for assignment to duty at Davis Island, N. Y. H. This detail is made with a view to a tour of duty until Oct. 1, 1892 (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.)

The leave of absence granted 2d Lieut. Zebulon B. Vance, Jr., is extended one month (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.)

The C. O. Fort Mackinac will issue a furlough for six months to Sergt. John R. Lowrey, Co. D (S. O. 233, Oct. 1, Div. A.)

20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.

Hdqs., A, B, D, E, G, and H, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C and F, Camp Poplar River, Mont.

21st Infantry, Colonel Henry A. Morrow.

Hdqs., A, C, E, and G, Ft. Sidney, Neb.; B, D, F, and H, Ft. Douglas, Utah.

Leave for one month, to take effect about Oct. 1, is

granted 2d Lieut. Willson Y. Stamper, Fort Bridger (S. O. 71, Sept. 22, D. Platte.)

22nd Infantry, Colonel Peter T. Swaine.

Hdqs., A, B, C, D, F, and H, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; G, Ft. Totten, N. D.; E, Ft. Buford, N. D.

1st Lieut. John J. Crittenden is detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Michigan Agricultural College, Mich., to take effect Dec. 15 (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.)

The extension of the leave of absence on account of sickness granted Capt. G. S. Luttrell Ward is still further extended six months on account of sickness (S. O., Oct. 1, H. Q. A.)

1st Sergt. Carey E. Campbell, Co. G, for being drunk at Fort Totten, has been mulcted \$10, the court being lenient on account of his previous good conduct.

23rd Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Black.

Hdqs., A, E, F, and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B, C, D, and G, Ft. Davis, Tex.

2d Lieut. Benjamin C. Morse is detailed as Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, College Station, Tex. (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.)

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdqs., A, D, F, and H, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; B, Ft. Grant, Ariz.; C and G, San Carlos, Ariz.; E, Ft. Thomas, Ariz.

2d Lieut. Charles L. Collins, Act. Engr. Officer, will proceed on public business to Whipple Barracks, A. T. (S. O. 94, Sept. 22, D. Ariz.)

1st Lieut. B. W. Leavell is relieved from duty at Fort Thomas, and will rejoin his company at Fort Grant (S. O. 95, Sept. 23, D. Ariz.)

2d Lieut. W. L. Simpson is relieved from duty at the Michigan Agricultural College, to take effect Dec. 15, 1890 (S. O., Sept. 27, H. Q. A.)

Leave for three months, to take effect Dec. 15, is granted 2d Lieut. Wendell L. Simpson (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.)

25th Infantry, Colonel George L. Andrews.

Hdqs., F, G, and H, Ft. Missoula, Mont.; B, C, and E, Ft. Shaw, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Custer, Mont.

1st Lieut. Eaton A. Edwards, Adj., is detailed recruiting officer at Fort Missoula, vice 1st Lieut. George Andrews, relieved (S. O. 137, Sept. 22, D. Dak.)

(For Late Army Orders see page 94.)

Appointments, etc., of Commissioned Officers and Retired Enlisted Men, U. S. A., recorded in the A.-G. O. during the week ending Sept. 27, 1890.

(See General Orders, No. 104, Headquarters of the Army, September 20, 1890, announcing the appointments of the graduates of the Military Academy, Class of 1890.)

APPOINTMENTS.

1st Lieutenant William H. Miller, 1st Cavalry, to be Assistant Quartermaster with the rank of Captain, September 4, 1890, vice Millmore, dismissed.

Additional 2d Lieutenant James J. Hornbrook, 2d Cavalry, to be 2d Lieutenant, June 19, 1890, vice Sargent, promoted.

Additional 2d Lieutenant William F. Clark, 7th Cavalry, to be 2d Lieutenant, July 22, 1890, vice Maure, promoted.

Additional 2d Lieutenant Samuel G. Jones, Jr., 5th Cavalry, to be 2d Lieutenant, August 10, 1890, vice Foster, deceased.

Additional 2d Lieutenant Chester Harding, Corps of Engineers, to be 2d Lieutenant, August 12, 1890, vice Potter, promoted.

PROMOTIONS.

1st Lieutenant William H. W. James, 24th Infantry, to be Captain, August 30, 1890, vice Gilmore, appointed Assistant Adjutant-General.

2d Lieutenant Willson Y. Stamper, 21st Infantry, to be 1st Lieutenant, August 7, 1890, vice Sparrow, appointed Regimental Adjutant.

2d Lieutenant Charles L. Potter, Corps of Engineers, to be 1st Lieutenant, August 12, 1890, vice Spencer, resigned.

2d Lieutenant William F. Blauvelt, 15th Infantry, to be 1st Lieutenant, August 20, 1890, vice Kinzie, deceased.

2d Lieutenant Joseph B. Batchelor, Jr., 24th Infantry, to be 1st Lieutenant, August 30, 1890, vice James, promoted.

2d Lieutenant Henry C. Hodges, Jr., 22d Infantry, to be 1st Lieutenant, August 30, 1890, vice Smith, appointed Commissary of Subsistence.

2d Lieutenant James T. Kerr, 17th Infantry, to be 1st Lieutenant, August 30, 1890, vice Rubien, appointed Assistant Quartermaster.

To be Assistant Surgeon with the rank of Captain, after five years' service, in accordance with the act of June 23, 1874.

Assistant Surgeon Edward R. Morris, September 17, 1890.

CASUALTIES.

Captain Augustus R. Egbert, 2d Infantry, died September 25, 1890, at Fort Omaha, Nebraska.

Captain Al B. Thompson (retired), died September 12, 1890, at Concord, New Hampshire.

Captain Joseph Kerin (retired), died September 24, 1890, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Private Michael Dillon (retired May 8, 1885), dropped from the rolls, not having been heard of since October 1, 1885; supposed to be dead.

Military Academy.

Cadet Joseph A. Kelly, 4th Class, is granted leave on account of ill health until May 1, 1891, when he will be examined by a Board of Medical Officers to determine whether he is physically qualified to continue with the Corps of Cadets (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.)

S. O. 210, granting leave until June 13, 1891, to the following cadets, 4th Class, is amended to grant them leave on account of ill health until May 1, 1891, when they will be examined by a Board of Medical Officers to determine whether they are physically qualified to continue with the Corps of Cadets: William A. Pratt and Verne S. Warriner (S. O., Sept. 29, H. Q. A.)

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Wingate, N. M., Sept. 24. Detail: Major David Perry, Capt. Adam Kramer, William M. Wallace, William Stanton, and William H. Carter, 1st Lieut. Benjamin H. Cheever, Jr., and Elton F. Wilcox, 2d Lieut. Hugh J. Galt, John J. Pershing, George McK. Williamson, Alonzo

Gray, Robert L. Howas, and Charles D. Rhodes, 6th Cav., and 1st Lieut. Edward E. Dravo, 6th Cav., J.-A. (S. O. 91, Sept. 17, D. Ariz.)

At Fort Bliss, Tex., Sept. 26. Detail: Capt. Ezra P. Ewers and Mason Carter, 5th Inf.; Capt. James Henton and Otis W. Pollock, 24th Inf.; Capt. Daniel M. Appel, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. Samuel W. Miller, Q. M.; Joseph M. T. Partello, and Thomas M. Deftree, 5th Inf., and 1st Lieut. John C. F. Tillson, Adj., 5th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 82, Sept. 22, D. Tex.)

At Fort Douglas, Utah, Sept. 29. Detail: Major John H. Parke, Capt. Henry C. Ward, William V. Richards, Theophilus W. Morrison, 10th Inf.; Capt. Guy L. Edie, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. William L. Lester, Warren H. Cowles, Edie Chandler, and Walter K. Wright, 2d Lieut. William H. Johnston, Jr., Maury Nichols, Stephen M. Hackney, and John C. Gregg, 10th Inf., and 2d Lieut. Henry D. Ayer, 21st Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 71, Sept. 22, D. Platte.)

At Fort Apache, A. T., Oct. 1. Detail: Capt. William O. Shannon, Asst. Surg.; Capt. Samuel L. Woodward and William Davis, Jr., 1st Lieut. Charles G. Ayres, William E. Shipp, and Carter P. Johnson, and 2d Lieut. William T. Littlebrant, 10th Cav., and 1st Lieut. William H. Smith, 10th Cav., J.-A. (S. O. 96, Sept. 24, D. Ariz.)

At St. Francis Barracks, Fla., Oct. 1. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Richard H. Jackson, 4th Art.; Majors John C. G. Leporett and Passmore Middleton, Surgs.; Capt. Frederick Fuger, William Ennis, and William F. Stewart, 4th Art., and 2d Lieut. Charles D. Palmer, 4th Art., J.-A. (S. O. 230, Sept. 27, Div. A.)

At West Point, N. Y., Oct. 6. Detail: Capt. George M. Derby, C. E.; 1st Lieut. Loring H. Beach, C. E.; John A. Johnston, 8th Cav.; Charles R. Noyes, 9th Inf.; Harry C. Benson, 4th Cav., and Wm. W. Forsyth, 6th Cav., and 2d Lieut. John B. Bellinger, 5th Cav., and 2d Lieut. T. Bentley Mott, 1st Art., J.-A. (S. O., Sept. 30, H. Q. A.)

At Fort Thomas, Ky., Oct. 6. Detail: Col. Melville A. Cochran, Capt. Jacob F. Munson and William H. H. Crowell, 1st Lieut. Thomas G. Townsend, 2d Lieut. Clarence E. Dentler and Charles L. Beckuria, 6th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Charles Byrne, Adj., 6th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 234, Oct. 2, Div. A.)

Army Boards.

A Board of Ordnance Officers, to consist of Col. James M. Whittemore and Adelbert R. Buffington, will meet at the Army Building, New York City, Sept. 29, to examine for promotion Lieut.-Col. Daniel W. Flaxier, Ord. Dept. Lieut.-Col. Flaxier is appointed an additional member of the Board for the examination for promotion of Major Lawrence S. Babbitt and Capt. John G. Butler, Ord. Dept. (S. O., Sept. 26, H. Q. A.)

A Board, to consist of Lieut.-Col. George L. Gillespie and Majors Amos Stickney and Charles W. Raymond, C. E., will assemble at New York City to report upon the obstructions to navigation in the Hudson River (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Commission of Officers, to consist of Col. William P. Craighill, Major Charles W. Raymond, and Capt. William H. Bixby, C. E., will assemble at Philadelphia, Pa., to report upon the subject of a National harbor of refuge near the mouth of Delaware Bay (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Commission, to consist of Col. David C. Houston and Major Charles W. Raymond, C. E., and Mr. L. Y. Schermerhorn, Civil Engr., will assemble at Wilmington, Del., to report upon the improvement of the harbor of Wilmington, Del. (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Board, to consist of Majors Oswald H. Ernst, Charles J. Allen, and Henry M. Adams, C. E., will assemble at Washington, D. C., Oct. 7, to prepare specifications for improving the entrance to Galveston Harbor, Tex. (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Commission, to consist of Col. Cyrus R. Comstock, Major Charles J. Allen, and Lieut. William C. Langhitt, C. E., will assemble at Galveston, Tex., to report upon the value of a channel constructed by the Buffalo Bayou Ship-channel Company (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Board, to consist of Col. George H. Mendell and Lieut.-Col. George L. Gillespie and William H. Benaud, C. E., will assemble at San Francisco, Cal., to report upon the best location for a deep-water harbor on the Pacific Coast between Points Duma and Capistrano (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Board, to consist of Col. George H. Mendell, Major Thomas H. Handbury, and Capt. Thomas W. Symons, C. E., will assemble at San Francisco, Cal., to report upon the proposed harbor of refuge at Port Orford, Ore. (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Board, to consist of Col. George H. Mendell, Major Thomas H. Handbury, and Capt. Thomas W. Symons, C. E., will assemble at Portland, Ore., to report upon a ship-canal to connect the waters of Lake Union, Washington, and Sammamish with Puget Sound (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

A Board, to consist of Col. George H. Mendell, Major Alexander Mackenzie, and Capt. Dan C. Kingman, C. E., will assemble at San Francisco, Cal., to consider the Sacramento and Feather Rivers, Cal., with a view to their future improvement (S. O. 96, Sept. 30, C. E.)

Retirements of Enlisted Men.

Hospital Steward John Lempe, Sept. 29, 1890.

Military Academy.—We are indebted to Adj. John M. Carson, Jr., for a neat "Roster of Officers and Troops Serving at the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, September, 1890."

Attached N. C. O.—Maj. Gen. Schofield has approved the detail on recruiting service of the needed number of those non-commissioned officers (of I, K, L and M) who are "attached for duty until vacancies occur."

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Division of Missouri.—Maj. Gen. Miles.

A handsome roster of troops, issued since the arrival of General Miles to take command of the Division, is received this week. It is somewhat more contracted than of yore, owing to the detachment of the Departments of Missouri and Texas.

OFFICERS AWAITING RETIREMENT.

The following is a complete list of officers who have been found incapacitated for active service by retiring boards, and who are now awaiting retirement:

Medical Department.—Majors B. E. Fryer, Wm. S. Tremaine, Leonard F. L. Star, Captains W. H. Seimela, J. W. Buell, J. V. De Haene, F. W. Ebbey, Victor Hart, Robt. W. Shufeldt, Daniel H. Brown, John de W. Gardiner.

Artillery.—1st Lieut. Frank S. Rice, 1st Art.; 1st Lieut. Solon F. Masser, 5th Art., and 2d Lieut. Robt. G. Procter, 5th Art.

Engineers.—Capt. Fred. A. Hinman.

Chaplain.—25th Infantry: Geo. E. Mullins.

Signal Corps.—2d Det. Julius H. Weber.

Cavalry.—Captains Oscar Ertine, 3d Cav.; Albert D. King, 2d Cav.; J. W. Martin, 4th Cav.; Henry P. Forde, 6th Cav.; James P. Roper, 8th Cav.; Fred. E. Phelps, 8th Cav.; John Conline, 9th Cav.; Mason M. Maxon, 10th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Geo. L. Converse, 3d Cav.; A. M. Patch, 4th Cav.; Luther S. Weiborn, 5th Cav.; Jos. V. S. Paddock, 5th Cav.; H. J. Bloom, 7th Cav.; Chas. H. Lester, 8th Cav.; Geo. R. Burnett, 9th Cav.

Infantry.—Captains Leopold O. Parker, 1st Inf.; Geo. G. Lott, 11th Inf.; Chas. F. Roe, 11th Inf.; John N. Norvell, 12th Inf.; Stephen R. Stafford, 13th Inf.; Clayton Hale, 14th Inf.; Wm. H. Clapp, 15th Inf.; Wm. A. Miller, 15th Inf.; Wm. R. Maize, 25th Inf.; Edw. B. Rheim, 21st Inf.; E. J. Sivers, 23rd Inf.; 1st Lieutenants Richard T. Earle, 3d Inf.; Robt. M. Young, 4th Inf.; Geo. N. Chase, 4th Inf.; Lewis Merriam, 4th

Inf.; David L. Craft, 6th Inf.; Francis Woodbridge, 7th Inf.; Edward Lynch, 8th Inf.; John J. Dougherty, 11th Inf.; Wm. H. Wheeler, 11th Inf.; Wm. W. Tyler, 13th Inf.; Stephen J. Mulhall, 14th Inf.; Geo. K. Spencer, 19th Inf.; John A. Payne, 19th Inf.; Palmer Tilton, 20th Inf.; Herbert Cushman, 20th Inf.; Edw. S. Farrow, 21st Inf.; Redmond Tully, 25th Inf., and 2d Lieutenant Chas. D. Towles, 2d Inf.

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WEST POINT, N. Y.

OCTOBER 1, 1890.

"It never rains but it pours," is a saying frequently exemplified at the post. After several days of delightful weather and of no especial interest, a threatening morning developed into a diabolically stormy afternoon on Friday, Sept. 26, the day chosen by Lieuts. Wisner and Macomb for their second afternoon tea, and by the bachelor officers for their hop. The number present at the tea was slightly diminished by the combined influences of the weather and the anticipated gaiety of the evening. However, fully fifty persons enjoyed the afternoon most thoroughly. The guests were received by Mrs. Larned and Mrs. Tullman. Miss Wilson and Miss Hawkins poured tea, assisted by Miss Michie.

The officers' hop on Friday evening promised to be a very large affair, and at one time it was contemplated that Grant Hall would be called into requisition as well as Schofield Hall. Although the event fully realized these expectations, the idea was abandoned, and Schofield Hall alone was used. The hop was conducted by Lieuts. Sturgis and Bellinger, whose duties proved no easy task.

In addition to an unusually large representation from the post, guests of the hotel here and of Cranston's, residents of the cottages below Highland Falls, and a few from Garrison's, swelled the number considerably above the average attendance at an officers' hop. A few only of the very many present will be mentioned, as the repetition of a list of names may prove monotonous reading: Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Jr., of Garrison's, with Miss Lawrence and Mrs. Schroeder; Mrs. Hicks, Miss Alexander, Miss Lamont, and Miss Seelye, from Cranston's; Mrs. McGhee, Miss McGhee, Mrs. Marheinecke, Mrs. Dinger, Mrs. James Biddle, the Misses Biddle, Mr. and Mrs. Hawhurst, from the hotel at the post; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tracy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Roe, Miss A. Tolley, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Logan, Jr., from Highland Falls; Capt. and Mrs. Derby, Prof. and Mrs. Larned, Miss Lieber, Prof. and Mrs. Mercer, Lieut. and Mrs. Hunter, Lieut. and Mrs. Dodge, Lieut. and Mrs. Braden, Lieut. and Mrs. Pettit, Miss Sharp, Lieut. and Mrs. Carson, Miss Carson, Lieut. and Mrs. Cameron, Lieut. and Mrs. Johnston, Lieut. and Mrs. Forsyth, Lieut. and Mrs. Kernan, Lieut. Babbitt, Lieut. Benson, Macomb, Freeman, Noves, Tate, Sturgis, Bellinger, Freeland, Brooks, T. B. Mott, Biddle, Gibson, and Taylor, Messrs. Craney and Kirkland, and Dr. Compton. Mrs. Postlethwaite and Mrs. Derby received the guests.

The Saturday evening cadet entertainment took the form, last week, of a very enjoyable dance given by Miss Wilson from 7.30 until 9.30 P. M. Among the cadets present were: Cadets Bennett and Horn, of the 1st; Cavanaugh, Dixon, Michie, Weeks, Whitney, Prince and Shinton, of the 2d, and Wise, Hazard, Johnson, Honey, Sawtelle and Smedberg, of the 3d Class. Among the young ladies present were: Misses Haskins, Pratt, J. Ward, H. Hawkins, E. Belding, M. Craney, Michie, B. W. Berard, Hawkins, Carson, Lieber, and Sharp. The last dress parade which will be witnessed for a month, with the exception of that on Sunday afternoons, took place yesterday afternoon. With Oct. 1 (to-day) artillery drills begin and are continued throughout the month. A tea was given by Mrs. E. E. Wood on Wednesday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Lieuts. W. W. Gibson, Ordnance; Harry Taylor, Engineers, and Robert McGregor, Engineers, and Mrs. John W. French, widow of Prof. French (chaplain and Professor of Ethics at the Academy a number of years ago), a guest of Col. and Mrs. Wilson, have been among recent visitors.

A magic lantern exhibition was given on Wednesday afternoon for the children attending the post school. It was fully enjoyed by the large audience of little ones present. On Saturday afternoon and evening a number of entertainments are anticipated. A cadet dancing party will be given by Mrs. Larned from 2 until 5 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Logan have issued cards for a tea on the same afternoon from 4 until 6, at their residence, below Highland Falls. On Saturday evening a cadet hop will take place.

A monument of beautiful design will shortly be placed in the cemetery to the memory of Harry Carter Carling, a nephew of Mrs. Schofield, who died Oct. 3, 1889.

Among very recent visitors of note have been Countess de Machado, Mile. de Machado and Mile. Juanita de Machado, of Paris, and Theodore Fry, M. P., and W. Raymond Fry, of Darlington, England.

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FORT MCKINNEY, WYOMING.

MCKINNEY, always lonesome, is rendered particularly so now by reason of the recent departure of Troop H, 9th Cavalry, and the former Co. K, 21st Infantry. Troop H going to Fort Du Chene, and the latter organization, or rather (under the recent order) the *disorganization*, going to Fort Douglas for assignment to D. F. and H. 21st Infantry. The departure of these troops has created a tranquillity here suggestive of that calm and quietude characteristic only of graveyards. Troop D, 9th Cavalry, "alone holds the fort," and will continue the sole military occupants until the arrival of Co. E, 8th Infantry, (Captain Savage,) which we hope to welcome about Oct. 6 or 8.

We also look for the return of Col. and Mrs. Guy V. Henry about the 15th. They are now on a brief sojourn in Colorado. Owing to the diminution of the garrison, almost every duty, save that pertaining to the chaplain, has devolved upon Lieut. P. P. Powell, 9th Cavalry. The several diversions to which his time and attention are now given embrace the following duties: Post Adjutant, A. A. Q. M., A. C. S., Recruiting Officer, Signal Officer, Ordnance Officer, Post Treasurer, and Canteen Officer. In conjunction with the duties enumerated, that of "Officer of the Day" must not be omitted, and it can be imagined how often his "turn comes" for that military exercise, when, as a fact, Captain Loud, of the 9th, is his only "relief." "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, whilst others have greatness thrust upon them," and when we contemplate the multiplicity of important offices to which Lieut. Powell has been assigned, we feel that in the category of the latter class he may rightly claim to be placed.

"SCRIBBLER."

FORT RILEY, KAS.

The Junction City Republican says:

The officers and ladies of the cavalry post gave a grand farewell banquet and ball in the new administration building last Friday in honor of Col. and Mrs. John M. Bacon. The 7th Cavalry band discoursed most excellent music and dancing was kept up 'till the wee small hours.

Chaplain John Parker came in from Clay Center Monday for the purpose of packing his goods preparatory to moving at Fort Omaha, Neb. The reverend gentleman looks rather thin, but says he is enjoying excellent health.

General Forsyth with Troops A, C, B and I, of the 7th Cavalry, and Light Battery A, 2d Artillery, will leave for Topeka. The celebrated trumpet corps under command of the veteran Sergt. W. G. Hardy will be one of the main attractions along the line of the road.

Col. John M. Bacon, and wife, left Wednesday for Fort Omaha. The colonel goes on the staff of the general commanding Department of the Platte as assistant-inspector-general. Col. Bacon may never return to the 7th Cavalry again, but if he does he will receive a most hearty welcome from the officers and enlisted men of the regiment, with whom he is a universal favorite.

2d Lieut. S. R. H. Tompkins, 7th Cavalry, returned Wed-

nesday from Camp Douglas. Tommy is one of the most popular young officers in the 7th Cavalry, and everybody was glad to see him return looking so obese and handsome. Lieuts. Hare, Garlington, Robinson and others of the 7th Cavalry, will be affected by the late act in regard to lineal promotion. It is rumored that Lieut. Garlington will be a captain in the 9th Cavalry, just where he wants to go, and Lieut. Hare may have a chance to show his great love for the colored men of the 10th.

The game of base ball played between the post nine and the Manhattan Club was the best game that has been played here this season.

The Kansas City Star dubs Fort Riley the finest military post in America, perhaps in the world, and says: "Its history dates back to Sept. 21, 1852, when Gen. N. S. Clarke, commanding the 6th Military Department, appointed a Board, consisting of Capt. E. A. Ordan, Capt. L. C. Easton, and Lieut. J. C. Woodruff, to decide upon a site for a military post near the junction of the Smoky Hill and Republican Rivers in Kansas."

FORT LEAVENWORTH.

The Kansas City Times says:

Mrs. Kline has gone to Worcester, Mass., with her two daughters.

Mr. J. Lyon, of New York, is the guest of Lieut. Harris, 4th Cav.

The high prices of corn, oats, and bran have led many of the Government contractors to throw up their contracts. The contracts were made in June, when prices ranged much lower than now. The Government will now purchase the supplies in open market, and charge the cost of the same to the contractors. This will no doubt cause much litigation and of a very unprofitable nature to the contractors.

Lieut. Webster, 6th Inf., recently here with prisoners, is subaltern in Capt. Witherell's company at Bedford's Island, and he reports that officer and family well pleased with their new station charged with the care and protection of the Goddess of Liberty.

Colonel and Mrs. A. A. Wilson have returned to Washington.

Lieutenants Penrose and Elliott will soon be members of the Kansas Commandery Loyal Legion.

Lieut. Eben Swift, 5th Cav., arrived, Sept. 26, from St. Louis.

Lieut. Blockson, 6th Cav., leaves Fort Lewis in about a week for Fort Winzette.

Surz. Woodhull expects to return next Wednesday from Colorado Springs much improved in health.

Lieut. Little, and family, are the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Moore.

The reception tendered Col. and Mrs. Townsend, Sept. 26, was a brilliant affair. Music was furnished by the 12th Infantry Orchestra Band.

Troop L, 8th Cav., is now a thing of the past, and Troop C has taken its place.

The McCooks crossed bats with the Y. M. C. A. Club of Kansas City, Sept. 27.

The music at the Catholic chapel, Sept. 28, promises to be interesting. The offertory solo will be by Mrs. Lieut. Davis.

Lieut. Gus S. Young, 7th Inf., has gone to Fort Logan, much to his regret and that of his friends.

Co. A, 10th Inf., commanded by Captain Lacey, has arrived from Fort Crawford, and Troop C, 9th Cav., commanded by Lieut. McBlain, from Fort DuChesne. Co. F, 10th Inf., had a dinner prepared for the company of its own regiment, as did Troop L for Troop C.

FORT SUPPLY, I. T.

Stray Shots of Sept. 28 has the following items:

Capt. Paddock writes from Princeton, Ill., that he will reach Supply on Tuesday.

The school for children opens Oct. 6.

Capt. and Mrs. Auman came in from Fort Elliott Wednesday morning, and now the family is represented by something more than "an instalment." The band played the prettiest airs in their honor and gave them good measure, too.

Troops A and F, in command of Lieut.-Col. Biddle, arrived from their fall manoeuvres, bearded, browned and fatigued, Tuesday.

Co. E, 13th Inf., arrived from Little Rock Thursday, being escorted by the band from Wolf Creek.

The men of Co. H (Capt. de Courcy) like true brothers-in-arms, had dinner waiting for them and served them plentifully.

The troops were accompanied by Capt. J. S. Bishop, Lieut. Carl Koons, Capt. P. R. Brown, ass. surz., together with Mrs. and Miss Florence Bishop, Mrs. Brown and children.

Mrs. Brown, with Masters Ralph and Herbert, were welcomed at the chaplain's quarters, but the doctor, being deemed incorrigible, with Master Paul, was taken in by Capt. Macaulay, M. D.

Capt. and Mrs. Bishop and Miss Florence are faring sumptuously at Lieut. Goe's, and Lieut. Koon rises early (?) with Lieut. Safford and is entertained by him at the mess.

Lieut.-Col. Biddle assumed command Wednesday.

Another daughter at Lieut. Cecil's and "alls" well.

FORT D. A. RUSSELL, WYO.

The State Tribune says:

Lieut. Charles H. Muir, 17th Inf., who won the head place in the contest of Army riflemen, returned a few days ago to Russell, and Gen. Henry K. Mizner, commanding regiment and post, in the evening took the 17th Infantry Band and serenaded the gallant lieutenant.

Lieut. Robert W. Dowdy, 17th Inf., who has been very ill, has taken a turn for the better.

Cos. D and H, 17th Inf., arrived at Russell, Sept. 21, from Fort Bridger. Capt. O'Brien and Lieut. Wilde were the only officers with these companies.

Capt. Chas. F. Humphrey, A. Q. M., arrived Saturday. He is to give bath-rooms in officers' quarters at this post his special consideration. He is stationed at Omaha and is one of the very best quartermasters in the Army.

WILLETS POINT, N. Y.

SINCE the fire at Willets Point last May, when the post theatre was destroyed, the soldiers have been entirely without a place of amusement. A determined effort is now being made to secure an appropriation for a new theatre. Willets Point maintains an excellent amateur troupe.

Military Order of the Loyal Legion.

At a meeting of the Nebraska Commandery, Oct. 1, Col. Joseph Greene Tilford, 9th U. S. Cavalry, was elected a member of the Order.

The Commandery in Chief of the Military Order holds its sixth annual meeting at the Lindell Hotel, St. Louis, on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 10.30 A. M. The Board of Officers assemble at 8.30 A. M., and the Council in Chief the night before to audit the books. The commandery of Missouri have issued an invitation to a banquet to be given the evening of Oct. 16. The various traffic and trunk lines have made a reduction of fare for this occasion.

The meeting of the New York Commandery at Delmonico's on Oct. 1 was an unusually enthusiastic one, and several new members were elected, including Surz. H. J. Babine, U. S. N.; Medical Director E. S. Rogers, U. S. N.; Captain F. M. Bunce, U. S. N.; Paymaster J. Furey, U. S. N.; Chief Engr. E. A. Magee, U. S. N.; Col. E. P. Vollum, U. S. A., and Chief Engr. E. J. Whitaker, U. S. N. Among those transferred to other commanderies are Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield, U. S. A.; Commo. F. M. Ramsey, U. S. N.; Capt. A. W. Vogdes and 1st Lieut. F. Thorp, 5th U. S. Art., and 1st Lieut. E. St. J. Greble, 2d U. S. Art.

THE NAVY.

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atl. Station.—E. Adm. Bancroft Gherardi. PHILADELPHIA, 1st rate, 12 guns (flagship), Capt. Frederick Rodgers. In Gardiner's Bay, Long Island, engaged in target practice, drill, etc.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. H. Elmer. Sailed Sept. 4 for Colon, U. S. Columbia, Aspinwall and the coast of Central America. Arrived at Colon Sept. 16.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Yates Stirling. At New York Navy-yard. Will undergo some repairs.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns, Lieut. Comdr. W. H. Brownson. At New London, Conn., Sept. 23.

ENTERPRISE, Comdr. G. A. Converse. In Gardiner's Bay, Long Island Sound, Sept. 27.

Squadron of Evolution.—Acting Rear Admiral John G. Walker.

CHICAGO, flagship, 1st rate, 14 guns, Capt. H. B. Robeson. At New York Navy-yard for repairs.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. John A. Howell. Arrived at Norfolk, Sept. 22, for repairs.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander F. E. Chadwick. At Navy-yard, New York, Sept. 23.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain J. O'Kane. At Navy-yard, New York, for repairs.

S. Atl. Station.—Rear Admiral W. P. McCann. Mails for Pensacola, Tallapoosa and Essex should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consul, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted.

PENSACOLA, 2d rate, 16 guns (flagship), Captain Albert Kautz. Sailed from New York Sept. 1 for Montevideo. Will touch at Madeira and probably the Cape Verde Islands en route. Was at Funchal, Madeira, Sept. 18, as per cable. Address mail same as noted above.

TALLAPOOSA, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. James M. Forsyth. At Buenos Ayres at last accounts.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. A. F. Snow. Sailed from New York for Bahia, Brazil, Aug. 16. Arrived at latter place Oct. 2, as reported by cable.

Pacific Station.—Actg. Rear Adm. Geo. Brown. Address all mail (unless otherwise noted) for the present to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco Cal.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. G. C. Remy. Left Seattle for Honolulu Sept. 1.

INOQUOUS, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. Joshua Bishop. At Honolulu.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Commander E. M. Shepard. At Honolulu at last accounts.

NIPISIC, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. Felix McCurley. Left Honolulu Sept. 9 and arrived at San Francisco Sept. 30 with all on board well. On Sept. 22 there was a moderate gale, under which she heve to for a few hours. Milder winds were experienced during the remainder of the voyage.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers, Lieut.-Comdr. O. W. Farenholt. At Sitka, Alaska.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Admiral G. E. Belknap. Mails should be addressed, Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted.

ALLIANCE, Commander H. C. Taylor. Left Amoy, At Kobe, Japan, Aug. 27.

MONOACY, 3d rate 6 guns, Comdr. M. L. Johnson. At Chefoo, China, Aug. 23.

OMAHA, 2d rate, (flagship), 12 guns, Captain B. J. Cromwell. At Yokohama, Japan, Aug. 8. Will be ordered early next year to San Francisco, Cal., for repairs.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers, Lieut. Thos. S. Phelps, temporarily commanding. Arrived at Chemulpo, Korea, Aug. 28.

SWATARA, 3d rate, 8 guns, Comdr. P. H. Cooper. At Chemulpo, Korea, Aug. 8. Will return to Mare Island, Cal. She will probably reach there during the latter part of November.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

JAMESTOWN, 13 guns, Comdr. B. P. Lamberton. Address mail to care Navy-yard, N. Y. Arrived at Hampton Roads Sept. 27, and sailed for New York Oct. 2.

PORTSMOUTH, 13 guns, Comdr. John Schouler. Sailed from Plymouth, England, Aug. 14, for Madeira and New York. Will reach New York about Oct. 1, where mails should now be sent to await her arrival.

YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Chas. H. Rockwell. At Navy-yard, New York.

MINNESOTA, 16 guns, Capt. G. C. Wiltse. Receiving ship for boys. At present at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, N. Y.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 8 howitzers, Receiving Ship for boys, Captain O. F. Stanton. Coaster's Island, Harbor, Newport, R. I.

On Special Service.

AND Awaiting Assignment.

BALTIMORE, 1st rate, 10 guns, Captain W. S. Schley. At Kiel, Germany, Sept. 29, where the naval officers' club gave a dinner to the Baltimore's officers on that date. She will be docked and scraped and will then proceed to Lisbon, Portugal, and await orders.

RICHMOND, 2d rate, 14 guns, Captain Allen V. Reed. Sailed from Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., Oct. 2 for Newport, R. I., where she will be used as a training ship.

CUSHING, Torpedo Boat, Lieut. C. McR. Winslow. At Navy-yard, New York.

DESPATCH, 4th rate, Lieut. Wm. S. Cowles. Left New York for Washington Navy-yard Sept. 14, and arrived at latter place Sept. 17.

FORTUNE, tug, Lieut. Comdr. A. J. Iverson. Vessel engaged in carrying freight between the several Navy-yards. At Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 30.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 6 guns, (3 howitzers and 3 gatlings). Commander Geo. H. Wadleigh. Arrived at Chicago Sept. 10. Left Sept. 24 for various points on the lakes. Due at Detroit Oct. 1.

RANGER, 3d rate, 1 gun, Lt.-Comdr. G. C. Reiter. Cruising on the coast of Salvador and Guatemala. At Acapulco Aug. 22.

THEETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns, Lieut. Comdr. Charles H. Stockton. Arrived at Acapulco Sept. 22. Mail address care Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

VESUVIUS, dynamite cruiser, Lieutenant Seaton Schroeder comd. At Newport Oct. 2.

SARATOGA, Comdr. F. M. Green. nautical school-ship of Pennsylvania. Arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 28 from summer cruise in European waters.

St. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. N. Y. Public Marine School. On a cruise along the coast via Penobscot Bay to Portland. Will probably arrive at New York about the middle of September.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. Wm. Bainbridge-Hoff. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 30 guns, Capt. A. P. Cooke. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va. Capt. John F. McGleusey has been ordered to command on Sept. 15.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Captain Byron Wilson. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

PHLOX, Naval Academy Tug. Mate B. G. Perry in command. Annapolis, Md.

St. LOUIS, sails, Captain E. C. Merriman. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. L. A. Beardslee. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 20 guns, Captain E. O. Matthews. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clad *Ajax*, *Catskill*, *Canonicus*, *Lehigh*, *Mahopac*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandott*, in command of Comdr. J. D. Graham, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "The report that the Austrian warship *Taurus* has been lost with all hands is totally unfounded."

GREAT preparations were made at Pola for the launch of the Austrian torpedo ram-cruiser *Kaiserin Elizabeth*, the sister-ship of the *Kaiser Franz Joseph*, on Sept. 25. The ceremony was performed by the Archduchess Marie Valerie, and was the occasion of great festivities.

SEPT. 9, Messrs. D. and W. Henderson, of England, launched what is believed to be the largest sailing vessel in the world. She is 360 ft. by 48 ft. 9 in. by 30 ft., and her gross tonnage is 3,750 tons. She will be engaged principally in the nitrate trade, for which she is specially adapted. Her deadweight carrying capacity is 6,150 tons.

A CORRESPONDENT, writing from Honolulu, H. I., Sept. 19, says: "The U. S. S. *Charleston* arrived at this port on Sept. 12 from Port Townsend, Wash., after a passage of 11 days made in fine weather and without incident. We found the *Iroquois* in port. She arrived on Sept. 7 from Samoa after a passage of 17 days and a few hours. The *Nipsic* sailed for San Francisco on Sept. 9. Everything here is quiet and the weather unusually warm for Honolulu."

FRENCH engineering papers have extensively published a statement that the Secretary of the United States Navy had offered a prize for the best design for engines for a war vessel, and consequently the Department has been flooded with requests for particulars from French engine designers wishing to compete. No such prize has been offered, and the mistake is supposed to have originated in a mis-translation of a paragraph in Engineer-in-Chief Melville's annual report recommending the expenditure of \$25,000 in experiments with new inventions.

A WRITER in the *Revue des Deux Mondes* fixes the composition of the future fleet best suited for naval tactics at twelve ironclads, six cruisers of from 3,000 to 5,000 tons, six gunboats of from 400 to 1,200 tons, and twelve sea-going torpedo-boats of from 100 to 150 tons. The heavy vessels must save their fuel, and put as much work as possible on the light craft. To keep touch with the enemy from the moment that hostilities commence, the duties must be entrusted to a light division, which shall have for its nucleus either a fast-steaming ironclad well provided with coal or a big armored cruiser. Not a little of the glory of the naval warfare of the future will apparently belong to these light divisions.

The *United Service Gazette* says: "There is evidently but a faint comprehension in the minds of the public of the character of the armored battleship *Barfleur*, which is about to be constructed at Chatham. Apart from her colossal proportions—her tonnage will be 10,500, and her horse-power 13,000—she will have characteristics which will make her one of the most remarkable vessels in the navy. She will be of the type known as the 'Admiral,' but possessing many important improvements. In fact, she will be the most powerful vessel, both for offensive and defensive purposes, of that description yet constructed. In tonnage displacement which will exceed that of any second-class battleship which our navy has ever possessed."

SOME Peekskill, N. Y., gentlemen, it is said, have determined to establish a Naval Navigation Training School for the purpose of instructing young men who desire to fill positions in the U. S. Navy and the merchant marine. The school will be known as the Hudson River Naval Navigation Training School. The vessel to be used will be a full rigged ship of about 270 ft. in length, 30 ft. beam, 21 ft. depth of hold, and a displacement of about 2,600 tons. It will have room for 100 cadets, and it will be conducted on the same principle as any college or academy. Students will be continually on board ship under supervision of a competent corps of instructors. In addition to teaching the art of navigation, all the English, commercial and mathematical branches will be taught. It is hoped to be able to have everything in readiness on April 1 next.

THE Chilean cruiser *Presidente Pinto*, which was launched on Sept. 4, from La Seyne yard, is 270 ft. long, 36 ft. beam, and has a depth of 24 ft. from upper deck to keel. The armament is to consist of four 6 in. and five 4½-in. rapid-fire guns, eight Hotchkiss, two Gatlings, and two torpedo discharge tubes. The *Presidente Pinto* is the second of three vessels ordered to be constructed at La Seyne for the Chilean Navy Department. A sister vessel is the *Presidente Ezcurra*, which was launched in June last, and the turret-ship *Capitan Pratt* will soon follow these ships into the water.

THE Germans are pushing forward the construction of their new warships. At Kiel a new coast defense ironclad of 3,495 tons, and a sea-going barbettes battleship are in progress. The latter is to be planked and sheathed for service in distant seas, her engines are to develop 15,000 horse-power, and she will be armed with three 28 ton breechloading guns, eight 15 centimeter guns, and fourteen rapid-firing guns, with a torpedo armament, so that she promises to be a most formidable vessel. Besides these there is building in the private yard of the Germania Company a protected cruiser of 5,500 tons displacement, and a sister battleship to the above.

THERE has been designed for the German Navy, says the Berlin correspondent of the *Progrès Militaire*, an ingenious apparatus to be placed upon the bridge of vessels, which will enable the officer of the watch to inform himself instantly if the orders given to the engineers and helmsman have been understood and obeyed. A dial is before him which bears indications relative to the speed and handling of the ship; and, as the orders are transmitted telegraphically to the engineer, this latter, by the very execution of them, causes the hand upon the dial to point successively to the indications of the movements which are made. A like arrangement puts the officer in communication with the helmsman.

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

SEPT. 28.—Ensign John J. Knapp, to examination for promotion.

SEPT. 29.—Commander Geo. E. Wingate, to command the *Ranger* per steamer Oct. 10.

Lieutenant T. Dix Bolles, to duty at the Smithsonian Institution.

SEPT. 30.—Lieutenant Richard G. Davenport, to the Hydrographic Office Nov. 1.

Surgeon C. G. Herndon, to the Naval Hospital, New York, Oct. 10.

Boatswain John J. Glynn, to the Navy-yard, Portsmouth, N. H.

OCT. 1.—George W. Sumner, as Equipment Officer at the Navy, New York.

Detached.

SEPT. 28.—Lieutenant S. E. Woodworth, from duty at San Francisco and ordered to the *Alert*.

SEPT. 29.—Lieutenant Commander G. C. Reiter, from command of the *Ranger*, on reporting of relief, and ordered to return and report arrival.

SEPT. 30.—Commander W. C. Wise, from the Navy-yard, Portsmouth, N. H., and ordered as Equipment Officer at Navy-yard, Norfolk.

Commander R. P. Leary, as Equipment Officer at Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., and ordered to duty at that yard.

Ensign R. Stoker, from the Yorktown and placed on waiting orders.

Surgeon Remus C. Parsons, from the Naval Hospital, New York, and placed on waiting orders.

Lieutenant John B. Milton, from the Jamestown and ordered to duty at the Naval Academy.

Appointments.

Wm. C. Braisted, of Detroit, Mich., has been appointed an assistant surgeon in the Navy.

Confirmations.

OCT. 1.—Commander Edwin C. Merriman, to be a captain in the Navy, from July 31, 1890, vice Captain Robt. Boyd, deceased.

Lieutenant Commander Geo. C. Reiter, to be a commander in the Navy, from July 31, 1890, vice Commander E. C. Merriman, promoted.

Lieutenant Frederick M. Symonds, to be a lieutenant commander in the Navy, from July 31, 1890, vice Lieutenant Commander Geo. C. Reiter, promoted.

Lieutenant Clifford J. Boush, junior grade, to be a lieutenant in the Navy, from July 31, 1890, vice Lieutenant F. M. Symonds, promoted.

Ensign Thos. W. Ryan, to be a lieutenant, junior grade, in the Navy, from July 31, 1890, vice Lieutenant C. J. Boush, junior grade, promoted. (Subject to the examinations required by law.)

Richard B. Jackson, a resident of Alabama, to be an ensign in the Navy, from July 1, 1890, to take position at the foot of the officers of that grade.

BIDS FOR THE BATTLESHIPS.

Bids were opened this week for the construction of the three battleships and large cruiser provided for in the recent Naval Appropriation act and heretofore described in the JOURNAL. Four responsible and capable firms responded to the Department's advertisement. This shows a healthy competition and augurs well for future work in the shipbuilding line. The Union Iron Works, of San Francisco, bid for battleships on plans of Department \$3,240,000 each or two for \$3,200,000 each, and for the first cruiser \$3,025,000. The Risdon Iron Works, of San Francisco, bid for one battleship on Department plans \$3,275,000, and the Bath Iron Works, of Maine, for one battleship on Department designs \$3,149,000. Cramps and Son bid for one battleship on the Department plans \$2,990,000, for two, \$2,890,000 each; on bidder's plans, one for \$3,120,000, or two for \$3,020,000 each; for fast cruiser on Department plans, \$2,725,000. A secondary bid was also submitted by the Cramps for one battleship on the Department plan, and another planned by themselves, at the same figures as the first bids for one ship in these classes. This was done to avoid complication because of the provision of the law to the effect that no more than two vessels could be bid for in the same proposal, and means that this firm is willing to build all three of the battleships. All the bids received are well within the appropriations, except that of the Union Iron Works for the fast cruiser. This is \$75,000 in excess the appropriation for this vessel being \$2,750,000 and

for the three battleships \$4,000,000 each. Accompanying the Messrs. Cramps' bid for the battleships was a letter explaining the difference between their plans and those of the Department. No contracts will be awarded until the Secretary of the Navy and the Board of Bureau Chiefs have given full consideration to the changes in the Department's plans proposed by the Messrs. Cramps as set forth in their own plans, but it follows, beyond a doubt, that this firm will be given two of the three battleships and the large cruiser and that the third battleship will go to the Union Iron Works, of San Francisco.

While no formal contracts have yet been entered into, the Secretary of the Navy has already decided, and has so informed the bidders, that he will award the contract for two battleships and the large cruiser to the Messrs. Cramp, and the other battleship to the Union Iron Works. It is only a question now as to what changes shall be made in the plans bid upon. Since it has been found, as demonstrated by Messrs. Cramp's bid on enlarged plans of their own that a larger ship than 9,000 tons can be obtained with the \$4,000,000 limit fixed by Congress, the Secretary seems more than anxious to get the most formidable vessel he can for the money, and is disposed to place a most liberal construction on that portion of the act requiring these vessels to be about 9,000 tons displacement. Instead of lengthening the vessels 12 feet as proposed by Messrs. Cramp, he is now considering a proposition to lengthen them 20 feet and thus increase their displacement to nearly 10,000 tons each. The Secretary speaks very highly of the plans submitted by the Messrs. Cramp, and is quite disposed to adopt them in lieu of the department designs, with a modification showing the increased length as stated, provided the builders will accept the changes without any increase in the bids. Unless the Union Iron Works decides to build a larger vessel than that bid upon, it may be decided to take advantage of the provision in the law, which permits the President to build all three vessels in the East in case the bids from the Pacific Slope are considered excessive, and this would certainly seem to be the case if the figures given by Messrs. Cramp are to be looked upon as a criterion for fair prices in ship construction.

AN ANECDOTE OF SHERIDAN.

WHILE the United States was engaged in the great Civil War, France and Austria took advantage of our comparatively helpless condition to attempt the conquest of Mexico, with a view to construct a new empire there under Maximilian. General Grant was strongly opposed to this policy, and, after Appomattox, sent Sheridan with an army to the lower Rio Grande, to observe the movements of the foreigners and to be in readiness to intervene whenever Congress gave permission.

An orderly awoke the colonel soon after daylight one morning and urged him to go down to the bank of the river, as something remarkable was going on there. The colonel did so, and had the gratification of seeing a combat—it could hardly be called a battle—between the national troops, the adherents of Juarez, and the Mexicans who were serving under the banner of Maximilian and who were in possession of Matamoras. The object of the Juarez troops was, of course, to drive the enemy from Matamoras and hold the place, as, owing to its proximity to the United States forces, it was a very important point. Each side seemed to be fortified, and was engaged in a contest at long range, which was neither very exciting nor destructive. The next morning the orderly came again to wake the colonel, and assured him that he would see some genuine fighting. The colonel hurried down to the bank, and there he saw the Juarez men leave their intrenchments, advance with the utmost intrepidity, storm the works at Matamoras, and drive the adherents of Maximilian through the town and far beyond out into the open country. Of course Sheridan could not send a force to the other side of the river without the authority of Congress and the War Department. That would have been an unheard-of proceeding. What he did do was to give one of his brigades a leave of absence, and that settled the question so far as Matamoras was concerned.—From the *Century* for October.

THE FRENCH PRINCES.

To the Editor of the *Army and Navy Journal*:

For a tissue of mis-statements and perversion of facts commend me to the excerpt you make from the *Army and Navy Gazette*, of London, in your issue of to-day. Of course, when it is stated that the writer of the article in question is undoubtedly the Editor of that periodical, Mr. Wm. Howard Russell, of Bull Run notoriety, the mis-statements and their animus becomes at once apparent. That Mr. Stanton objected to Mr. Russell's presence with the Army on the Peninsula is true, but that he had any objection to the presence of the French Princes is not true. Mr. Stanton could have just as easily prevented these gentlemen from accompanying the Army as he did prevent Mr. Russell from accompanying it. And it was not the "terrified Cabinet" that forbade the further service of the Orléanist Princes—not at all. It was the fear that they might compromise their status as possible claimants for the French throne were they to continue to serve in the Union Army, when possible complications might arise between France and the United States, owing to the Napoleonic interference in Mexico, just then commencing. And let it be said en passant that at no time was the Cabinet so awfully scared that it lost sight of the fact that sooner or later the Emperor and the Emperor's puppet, Maximilian, had to be turned out of Mexico, which was simply a preliminary to the kicking out of the Napoleonic dynasty from France itself.

As the Comte de Paris's History of our Civil War only comes down to the end of the Chattanooga campaign, it can hardly be termed "a very complete history of the war," as Mr. Russell designates it. But as I have before stated the iron has entered Mr. Russell's soul, and he never fails to misrepresent the Union Army, the cause it fought for, and those who upheld its hands, at any and all times, with an intensity of bitterness to which ignorance of the actual facts lends an additional sense of indignation on the part of such of his readers who are really acquainted with the truth.

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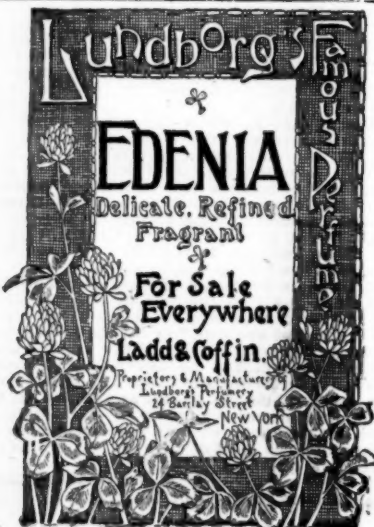
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ARMYNAVY.

THE Second Comptroller has decided that the ap-
propriations in the recent legislative and sundry civil
acts for the support of the Signal Corps for salaries
to civil employees should be disbursed by the dis-
bursing clerk of the War Department, and that the
pay of officers and men of the Service should be
disbursed by the disbursing officer of the Signal
Corps.

THE general deficiency bill as it finally becomes a
law makes provisions for all the Navy longevity,
mileage and receiving ship claims, certified by the
accounting officers of the Treasury during the pres-
ent session, except the receiving ship claims accru-
ing prior to July 16, 1890.

A FOREIGN correspondent of the New York
Times writes: "Berlin is in a state of much pertur-
bation over rumors that the young Kaiser is about
to allow Count von Waldersee to retire from his po-
sition of chief of the general staff."

LINEAL PROMOTION.

THE bill providing for lineal promotion, and ex-
amination before promotion, being by all odds the
most important measure affecting the personnel of
the Army passed this session, there is naturally a
great desire to see its full text as it finally became a
law. This we give below. It will be observed from
the final clause, which was adopted in conference this
week in lieu of the amendment made by the House
exempting entirely officers with war service from ex-
aminations, that the officer appointed in the Army
from civil life is given a slight advantage over the
West Point graduate. In case the former fails on re-
examination, he may be placed on the retired list,
while failure on the part of the graduate means
discharge with one year's pay. According to the
statement made by the House conferees, the object
of this clause is "to protect those who have not had
a military education from unjust discriminations."
The new law has the unqualified approval of the
Secretary of War, who has taken special pains to
call upon General Cutcheon and other Representa-
tives instrumental in securing the passage of this
and other military measures and thank them for
the good work done for the Army.

One important feature of the bill, which for ob-
vious reasons was not brought out very prominently
in the debate by those interested in securing its
passage, is that which opens the retired list for the
benefit of those who fail physically to pass the ex-
amination prescribed by the act. This will accom-
plish, in another way, what the Department has
been urging for several years—the transfer from
the active to the retired list of those officers who
have been found incapacitated by retiring boards,
but who could not be retired for lack of vacancies.
It was proposed to accomplish this by transferring
from the limited to the unlimited list those officers
who have reached 64 years of age since retirement.
But this will not be necessary now. Every one of
the 60 officers now on the "awaiting retirement
list" and the 20 or more on sick leave, who have
not yet come before retiring boards, can, and the
majority of them probably will, be retired under
this new law; thus giving a stimulus to promotion,
and opening the way for a large number of appoint-
ments to the grade of 2d lieutenant. A list of the
officers awaiting retirement will be found elsewhere:

Be it enacted, etc., That hereafter promotion to every
grade in the Army below the rank of brigadier general,
throughout each arm, corps, or department of service,
shall, subject to the examination herein provided for, be
made according to seniority in the next lower grade of that
arm, corps, or department: *Provided*, That in the line of the
Army all officers now above the grade of 2d lieutenant shall,
subject to such examination, be entitled to promotion in ac-
cordance with existing laws and regulations.

Sec. 2. That officers of grades in each arm of the Service
shall, be assigned to regiments, and transferred from one
regiment to another, as the interests of the Service may re-
quire, by orders from the War Department, and hereafter
all appointments in the line of the Army shall be by com-
mission in the arm of the Service and not by commission in
any particular regiment.

Sec. 3. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized
to prescribe a system of examination of all officers of the
Army below the rank of major to determine their fitness for
promotion, such an examination to be conducted at such
times anterior to the accruing of the right to promotion as
may be best for the interests of the Service: *Provided*, That
the President may waive the examination for promotion to
any grade in the case of any officer who in pursuance of ex-
isting law has passed a satisfactory examination for such
grade prior to the passage of this act: *And provided*, That
if any officer fails to pass a satisfactory examination and is
reported unfit for promotion, the officer next below him in
rank, having passed said examination shall receive the pro-
motion: *And provided*, That should the officer fail in his
physical examination and be found incapacitated for ser-
vice by reason of physical disability contracted in line of
duty he shall be retired with the rank to which his seniority
entitled him to be promoted; but if he should fail for any
other reason he shall be suspended from promotion for one
year, when he shall be re-examined, and in case of failure
on such re-examination he shall be honorably discharged
with one year's pay from the Army.

That the examination of officers appointed in the Army
from civil life, or of officers who were officers of volunteers
only, or were officers of the militia of the several States
called into the service of the United States, or were enlisted
men in the regular or volunteer service, either in the Army,
Navy or Marine Corps during the War of the Rebellion,
shall be conducted by boards composed entirely of officers
who were appointed from civil life or of officers who were
officers of volunteers only during said war; and such ex-
amination shall relate to fitness for practical service and not
to technical and scientific knowledge; and in case of failure
of any such officer on the re-examination by re-enforce pro-
vided for, he shall be placed upon the retired list of the
Army, and no act now in force shall be so construed as to
limit or restrict the retirement of officers as herein provided
for.

THE heroes of Indian campaigns will have to wait
awhile longer for the brevet commissions contem-
plated by the act of Congress passed last spring. It
was found impracticable to submit the nominations
to the Senate during the session just closed. A list
of about 150 names was submitted to the President
some weeks ago, but has since been returned to the
Adjutant-General's Office for revision, the President
and Secretary of War being of the opinion that there
are names improperly included in the list. The Sec-

retary expects now to be able to give personal attention to the papers in each case during the recess in order that the complete list of officers entitled to brevets under the law may be made out and the nominations sent to the Senate in the early days of next session.

We presume that our artillery friends are not so well pleased as the cavalry and infantry with what we have had to say upon the question of the disbanding of companies, but they may console themselves with the reflection that if the other arms of the Service have, as they think, the statutes in their favor, the artillery certainly have the men, and possession—especially in military circles—is full nine points in the law. We are heartily glad to see the artillery batteries increased, but not at the expense of the cavalry and infantry. It is most unfortunate that the illiberality of Congress toward our military establishment prevents a proper organization for all arms of the Service. Congress has adjourned without doing what it should for the artillery, and if, in the opinion of other arms, they are getting more than they should have, they are certainly getting little enough.

THIS is the week for the reception at Washington of the annual reports of Division and Department commanders, etc. The Army has gone through some curious changes since Oct. 1, 1889, and much curiosity is felt to see what those in power will have to say in regard to them. There seems to be one thing certain, and that is that the beneficent legislation of June 16, 1890, has had even in the short time since then a decided effect for the better upon the morale of the Army.

THE regulations in G. O. 108, A. G. O., published this week, are timely in view of occasional difficulty in determining just exactly what is "faithful service" within the meaning of the act of June 16, 1890, providing for the discharge of enlisted men after so much service, etc.

THE line promotions in 1891, consequent upon retirements for age, will be more numerous than in the past few years. In 1888 there was but one, in 1889 six, and in 1890 three. In 1891 there will be eight—one brigadier-general, six colonels and one major.

THE Military Academy graduates of 1890 are now converging upon their several regiments and will afford in many companies much-needed relief in the shape of additional subalterns for duty.

THE *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "A very serious matter is at present receiving the attention of the authorities, and causing no small degree of consternation in the corps of Royal Engineer Submarine Miners. It will be remembered that Mr. Stanhope, in a speech made earlier in the year, promised, among other so-called reforms and improvements, that 'all important ports and rivers will be protected by submarine mines, to say nothing of other defences.' Now, as every naval man, English or foreign, knows well, submarine mines can never in the nature of things be of great value in any scheme of defence for our ports where the freest possible ingress and egress are indispensable; still they are the fad of a certain section which has influence, and no voice was raised in opposition. The Submarine Miners have been gaily at work since, and all round the coast large stores of mines have been collected, and most intricate arrangements and schemes made for laying them down. At this point, the Admiralty comes in and requests their experts to report on 'this system of defence by submarine mines, about which this department has not yet been consulted.' The *Vernon* people, after examination, have reported that the submarine mines as provided by the Royal Engineers, will, if laid down, render the harbors 'equally dangerous to friend as to foe.' As a consequence, therefore, the naval authorities absolutely refuse to be responsible for what may happen in such rivers or harbors as are defended by these mines, while they go further with regard to the Thames and Medway, Portsmouth, Plymouth, and Milford Haven, and absolutely decline to allow the Engineers to lay down any mines in those places in case of war."

ENLISTED men of the Army are anxiously awaiting the interpretation by the War Department authorities on several important points involved in the new act allowing war service to be counted as double time in computing the 30 years necessary for

retirement. At what date did the War of the Rebellion commence, and at what date did it end? So far as affects war service, in connection with the act referred to, how does it stand? According to the general desertions acts of 1864 and 1867, May 1, 1865, is fixed as the date of the ending of the war, while July 12, 1861, the date of the bombardment of Fort Sumter has usually been regarded as the commencement of the war. According to the proclamation of President Johnson, April 2, 1866, is the date officially announced as ending the war with all the Confederate States except Texas, and a subsequent proclamation dated Aug. 20, 1866, fixed that date as ending the hostilities in that State. There is also a decision of the Supreme Court in which April 2, 1866, is fixed upon as the date when the war closed. Another important question capable of many different constructions is as to what is meant by service in the field. These questions are now receiving the attention of the department officials, and the conclusions reached will doubtless soon appear in general orders.

We presume that in the making of the detail for the Board on Repeating Arms, which is soon to be announced, no officer will be included who is himself the inventor of a small arm. This seems to have been the rule, so far as our recollection goes, in the case of the boards that have been charged for the last 25 years with the selection of a new service rifle. The last Board, of which Gen. (then Colonel) Brooke was president, was admirably constituted, having among its members Col. Litchfield and Major Shorkley, especially well equipped in the science and practice of infantry fire and its necessities; Capt. Greer, of the Ordnance Bureau, one of the most accomplished and experienced officers in ordnance matters in the Army, and, as recorder, Capt. Day, whose mechanical suggestions were of value. There are likely to be several entirely novel inventions among those submitted for trial, and while it is impossible and would be unwise to select a Board no member of which has his own ideas as to a proper arm for service, it is certainly desirable that such ideas should not have developed in practical shape, since inventors, however honest and unselfish they may be, as a rule cannot help a bias of prejudice in favor of their own conceits, and whether they have it or not they are at a disadvantage in dealing with inventors.

ALTHOUGH there were many members of the House willing and anxious to vote for the passage of the bill to revive the grade of lieutenant general during the present session, General Cutocheon and other members of the military committee, after consultation with each other, concluded that the interests of the measure would be better subserved by allowing to remain in its present status until next session. It was the judgment of Gen. Cutocheon that the difference between the measure passed by the Senate and the one reported by the House Committee would lead to a controversy that would end in naught this session, and perhaps jeopardize the chances for consideration by the winter session. The bill, as passed by the Senate, makes the grade of lieutenant general a permanent one, while the House bill contemplates its revival for the benefit of General Schofield only. The House committee has not yet decided which of the two measures to advocate, and it was therefore thought best to allow the matter to rest until next session when the two positions will be fully considered by the committee before any action by the House is recommended.

GENERAL S. V. BENÉT, Chief of Ordnance, resumed at Washington on Wednesday, after a long summer vacation, and is now at work upon his last annual report as Chief of Ordnance. He will retire on January 22 next. The canvass for the successorship to his place is already in progress in a quiet way. Colonel Whittemore, who has become the senior since the death of Colonel Baylor, naturally has aspirations, but as seniority has not governed in the last two bureau appointments his friends have not thought it prudent to remain idle. It is quite plain that he will find Colonels Buffington and Flagler most dangerous rivals, with the chances in favor of the former. Captain Charles Smith, the assistant to General Benét, although pretty far down on the list, is looked upon as a strong possibility, in case there should be any reason, political or otherwise, for passing over the colonels.

THE heads of the War and Navy Departments, and their respective bureau assistants, have been busily engaged during the present week in the preparation of the estimates required for the support of the two Services for the fiscal year ending 1892. About eight millions will be asked by the Navy Department for continuing work on ships and guns already authorized. The question of new ships will not enter into the present estimates. Just at the present time the Secretary has his hands full in making contracts for the construction of vessels already authorized, and consequently has no time

to devote to the consideration of the types of vessels he will ask Congress to provide for during next session. It is expected, however, that several more cruisers of from 3,000 to 5,000 tons, and a few torpedo boats, will be asked for.

THE proposed transfer of Colonel Vollum to fill the office of Chief Medical Purveyor of the Army vice Colonel Baxter, is contested by Colonel Irwin. As the senior lieutenant-colonel and the senior assistant medical purveyor the latter officer claims that he has a right to promotion to colonel and chief medical purveyor under the provisions of existing laws and Army Regulations. He has submitted an appeal in support of his legal right to promotion to that office and against the appointment or transfer of any other officer to the position.

THE scientific expedition which went out from Princeton College last July has returned and reports a very successful trip. The party left Chicago July 31 for Lincoln, Neb., and proceeded thence to Fort Robinson, where the outfit was procured. On Aug. 5 the party left the fort accompanied by the assistant surgeon of the fort, Dr. Kean, an Indian guide, and a military escort of four men. At Battle Creek the permanent camp was made and the chief work of the expedition carried on.

NOW that the bill for the reorganization of the Signal Corps has become a law, there will be some lively "boning" up by the officers of the line, who have done and are doing duty in the Signal Corps, and the 2d lieutenants regularly attached to the corps. Those who are entitled to compete for the positions on the reorganized corps besides the 2d lieutenants are Captains Strons, Story, Dunwoody, and Allen, and Lieuts. Woodruff and Thompson.

THE committee of arrangements for the celebration, at Richmond, Va., Oct. 15, of the 26th anniversary of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, expect about 50,000 people to be present.

MANY of the officers of the new recruiting detail arrived in New York City this week and reported to the new Superintendent, Colonel Otis, for assignment to depots and rendezvous.

THE American Institute of Mining Engineers opened its 57th meeting in Chickering Hall, New York City, on Monday.

RECENT DEATHS.

LAST week we briefly announced the death at Philadelphia, Sept. 24, of Captain Joseph Kerin, U. S. A., retired, a veteran soldier, who enlisted in the 2d Dragoons in 1853, and in October, 1861, was appointed 2d lieutenant, 6th Cavalry, Oct. 26, 1861. He was promoted 1st lieutenant in 1862, and from May of that year to October, 1863, was adjutant of his regiment. For his gallantry at Hanover Court House and at Beverly Ford he received the brevets of 1st lieutenant and captain. He was promoted captain in 1866 and was retired June 28, 1878, for disability incurred in the line of duty. The funeral took place Sept. 27, and was largely attended by members of the G. A. R. and other friends.

CAPTAIN AUGUSTUS R. ROBERT, 2d U. S. Inf., who died at Fort Omaha, Sept. 25, was born in New Jersey, entered the Army as surgeon U. S. Volunteers in November, 1861, and was mustered out October 7, 1865. For his faithful and meritorious services during the war he received the brevet of lieutenant-colonel of volunteers. In 1866 he was appointed 2d lieutenant 21st U. S. Infantry, was unassigned in 1869 and assigned to the 8th Infantry in the same year and transferred to the 2d Infantry in 1870. From March, 1857, to May, 1859, he was regimental quartermaster. He attained the grade of captain May 27, 1889. His record of service is a long and honorable one.

COMMANDER FRANCIS G. DALLAS, U. S. N., retired, who died at Philadelphia, Pa., September 30, joined the Navy in 1841, was promoted passed midshipman in 1847, and master and lieutenant in 1855. In 1864 he developed symptoms of insanity, and was placed in the Pennsylvania Hospital for the insane. While in hospital in 1867, he was promoted commander. He was about 68 years of age, and was a native of Massachusetts. The deceased was, we believe, a brother of the late Colonel Alexander J. Dallas, U. S. Army.

A CABLE dispatch reports the drowning in Japanese waters, Sept. 26, of Ensign Harry E. Rumsey, U. S. N., of the *Swatara*. The deceased officer was appointed from Wyoming Territory, in 1882, and was promoted Ensign July 1, 1888. His untimely death has caused profound sorrow to many relatives and friends.

THE veteran Gen. Abram Duryée, so well known throughout the country, died in New York City, Sept. 27. He was born in 1815, and began a military career when a young man in the ranks of the 142d Regiment of the then "New York Militia." In this organization he became sergeant-major. In 1838 he entered the National Guard as private in the 27th Regiment of Artillery. After several promotions he received his commission as 2d lieutenant in this command in 1840. In 1847 he was appointed colonel of the 7th Regiment, and it was as its commander that he won his first laurels. When the actor Macready was mobbed at the Astor Place Opera House, May 10, 1849, the 7th Regiment, with a troop of horse, was ordered to suppress the riot. Colonel Duryée, though having in all but about 200 men, succeeded in restoring order. Under him the regiment acquired much of the prestige it has since retained, and took the leading part in the suppression of such disturbances as the "police" and "Dead Rabbit" riots in 1857. In 1859 Gen. Duryée resigned and was presented by the merchants of New York with a solid silver set valued at \$5,000. At the breaking out of the civil war his martial spirit was aroused and the result was the organization of the 5th Regiment, known to fame as the "Duryée Zouaves." In 1861 he was appointed brigadier-general, and was in many engagements, being twice wounded at the second battle of Bull Run. At the close of the war he was brevetted major-general for his gallant services. Since the war he has held many honorable positions. General Agnir, of the *Baltimore American*, well sums up his career thus: "Our country has lost another of her brave sons and famous commanders, but his fame will live in history and in the hearts of his surviving boys of the old Duryée Zouaves. He was a leader of men, who commanded not by fear, but by kindness, and there was not in his command a man who did not love the father of the famous regiment. Those who preceded him to the other shore are now on the parapets giving him the old salute of present arms, and the officer at the gate says: 'Yours has been a grand life. Enter!'" The funeral took place on Tuesday.

LAST week we briefly referred to the death at St. Louis, Sept. 22, of Capt. B. E. Walker, brother-in-law of Gen. H. G. Gibson, U. S. A. A correspondent writes: "Capt. Walker was born at Fort Jessup, La., Oct. 24, 1837, his father, Maj. Benjamin Walker, being stationed at that post. His father was transferred to Jefferson Bks. in 1846 and to St. Louis in 1848, since which time Mr. Walker has resided here. All old residents will remember the 'Young American Grays' which Mr. Walker organized in 1862, and of which he was the first and only captain. For the past eight years Capt. Walker has been deputy commissioner of supplies, which office he filled with marked ability, each commissioner being too glad to retain him in charge of the office. He was singularly polite and affable, the high and the low receiving at his hands equal consideration." The funeral was largely attended, all vying in doing honor to the memory of this faithful city officer.

THE Hon. Frederick Billings, ex-President of the Northern Pacific Railroad, who died at Woodstock, Vt., Sept. 30, went to California in 1849, and was the first lawyer who opened an office in San Francisco. Among his earliest clients was Gen. John A. Sutter. Soon after opening his office, young Billings took in as a partner A. C. Peachy, and subsequently Gen. Henry W. Halleck, who had been connected with the military government of California, but had resigned from the Army, because a member of the firm. From that time forward, until 1861, "Halleck, Peachy and Billings" was the leading law firm in San Francisco, and did a very extensive business. In 1865 Mr. Billings left California and settled at his old home in Woodstock.

COLONEL WM. H. LUDLOW, a distinguished officer of volunteers during the war, who served from November, 1861, to July, 1868, died at Oakdale, L. I., Sept. 26 in his 70th year. During the war, Col. Ludlow served as commissioner for the exchange of prisoners and a short time previous to being mustered out was on duty in New York City as Inspector General, Department of the East. Part of his service was on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Dix. Col. Ludlow leaves three sons and a daughter, one of the sons being Major Wm. Ludlow, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

MR. B. T. GUBELMAN, Pay Clerk, U. S. Navy, who died at the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, Sept. 26, entered the Navy in 1873. Several years ago he contracted a cold in the service which ended in consumption and his death at the age of 35 years. He was buried at Weehawken Cemetery, N. J., Sept. 28. A widow and three children survive him.

MRS. ANNA BREWER KERSHNER, mother of Surg. Edward Kershner, U. S. N., who died at Mercersburg, Pa., in her 87th year, was the last of her generation of the distinguished family of Brewers that have been identified with the history of Western Maryland since the settlement of the country.

COLONEL F. C. BOUDINOT, who died at Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 27, was the most noted of the Cherokee. He was a strong advocate of the plan of distributing the Indian lands in severalty.

THE Comte de Paris, his eldest son, the Duc D'Orleans, and his uncle, the Prince de Joinville, arrived in New York harbor on Friday morning, and were welcomed by the Reception Committee of ex-officers of the Army of the Potomac.

THE following Army officers are on special duty at Washington: Capt. J. G. Bourke, 3d Cav., who is winding up the affairs of the Pan-American Congress and will probably soon join his regiment; Lieut. L. W. V. Kennon, 6th Inf., who has about completed work in connection with new tactics for the Navy and will also soon join his regiment; Lieut. A. S. Rowan, 15th Inf., on duty with Army Intelligence Office; 1st Lieut. George F. Scriven, 3d Art., with Army Intelligence Office; Capt. W. Lyman, 5th Inf.; Capt. J. A. Buchanan, 14th Inf.; 1st Lieut. T. T. Knox, 1st Cav.; Lieut. J. H. Duval, 18th Inf., and Lieut. C. D. Cowles, 23d Inf., assistants in War Records Office; Capt. S. C. Kellogg, 5th Cav., secretary of the Chickamauga Park Commission.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

Congress after a protracted session of ten months finally adjourned this week, to meet again in December.

Following is the text of the resolution introduced in the two Houses last week:

Resolved, etc., That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to purchase, at his discretion, nickel ore or nickel matte to be used in the manufacture of nickel-steel armor plating for vessels already authorized to be constructed, and of armor-piercing projectiles, and for other naval purposes.

Sec. 2. That the sum of \$1,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for this purpose.

With two exceptions every Army and Navy nomination sent to the Senate during the session just closed was confirmed. One exception was Maj. Lewis Merrill, nominated for promotion on the retired list; the other Father Galvin, of Ohio, who was nominated for a chaplaincy four or five months ago. In consequence of the charges of incompetency filed against him by members of his own church, the Senate Military Committee declined to act upon his case, and consequently his nomination dies with the session. It was thought at one time that the President would recall his name, but the plan of pigeon-holing seems to have been adopted instead. There are three vacancies in the position of chaplain at the disposal of the President, including the one caused by the failure of Father Galvin's nomination. As Congress has adjourned without passing the bill so strongly recommended by Secretary Proctor for the employment of contract chaplains, it is highly probable that these vacancies will soon be filled.

The following measures of interest to the Army and Navy were passed and approved by the President during the last days of the session:

S. 2916, remitting to the contractors for the gunboat *Petrel* the amount of penalties for over time in completing that vessel.

S. 728, in recognition of the merits and services of Chief Engineer George Wallace Melville, United States Navy, and of the other officers and men of the *Jeannette Arctic Expedition*.

H. R. 7989, providing for summary courts for trial of enlisted men of the Army, etc.

S. 1454, to increase efficiency of Signal Corps of the Army and for transfer of Weather Service to Agricultural Dept.

H. R. 6584, to allow to such enlisted men of the Ordnance Corps, their widow or heirs, the same bounties as have been allowed to other enlisted men who served in the War of the Rebellion.

S. 270, for the relief of the assignees of John Roach.

S. 3718, for lineal promotion and examination before promotion.

H. R. 789, opening for settlement a portion of the Fort Randall Military Reservation.

H. Res. 160, authorizing the use of a portion of the U. S. Military Reservation at Chattanooga for a public park by the city of Chattanooga.

Authorizing the appointment of Tenor Ten Eyck, James T. Pell and J. M. Williams to the retired list of the Army. [As no nominations were made to the Senate they became inoperative until such time as the President may decide to send them to the Senate.]

The following is the text of the bill which has just become a law providing for summary courts for the trial of enlisted men of the Army:

Be it enacted, etc., That hereafter in time of peace all enlisted men charged with offenses now cognizable by a court-martial or regimental court-martial shall, within twenty-four hours from the time of their arrest, be brought before a summary court, which shall consist of the line officer second in rank at the post or station or of the command of the alleged offender, and at stations where only officers of the staff are on duty the officers second in rank shall constitute such court, who shall have power to administer oaths and to hear and determine the case, and when satisfied of the guilt of the accused party to adjudge the punishment to be inflicted, etc.

Among the dozen bills that passed both Houses but failed to receive the President's signature was the bill allowing the heirs of John Roach \$61,732 for the *Peoria*, and the bill to place Edward H. Lieb on the retired list of the Army.

The President Oct. 1 returned without his approval the House bill declaring the retirement of Capt. Chas. B. Stivers, U. S. A., legal and valid, and that he is entitled as such officer to his pay. He says: "I do not think this is a competent method of giving the relief intended. The retirement, under the law as it then existed, was not legal and valid, as the highest judicial tribunal under the Constitution has declared, for the reason that Capt. Stivers was not then an officer on the active list. That being so, it follows of course that he was not entitled to draw the pay of an officer he did not hold. The relief should have taken the form usual in such cases, which is to authorize the appointment of the officer to a place made for him on the retired list."

THE SIGNAL AND WEATHER SERVICE.

THE bill for the transfer of the Weather Bureau to the Agriculture Department, and for the reorganization of the Signal Corps as it finally became a law provides for the transfer of civil duties to the Department of Agriculture under the designation of the "Weather Bureau."

Provided, That the Chief Signal Officer of the Army may, in the discretion of the President, be detailed to take charge of said bureau, and in like manner other officers of the Army, not exceeding four, expert in the duties of the weather service may temporarily, pending the training of a sufficient number of civilian experts for forecasting, be assigned to duty with the Weather Bureau, and while so serving shall receive the pay and allowances to which they are entitled by law.

The enlisted force of the Signal Corps to be discharged from the Army on June 30, 1891, and such portion of this entire force, including the civilian employees of the Signal Service, as may be necessary for the proper performance of the duties of the Weather Bureau shall, if they so elect, be transferred to the Department of Agriculture.

In addition to the Chief Signal Officer, the commissioned force of the Signal Corps will hereafter consist of one major, four captains (mounted), and four first lieutenants (mounted), who shall receive the pay and allowances of like grades in the Army. The officers shall be appointed from the Army, including lieutenants in the Signal Corps, preference being given to officers who have performed long and efficient service in the Signal Service.

Provided, That no appointment shall be made until a Board to be appointed by the Secretary of War shall have submitted a report recommending officers for appointment in the Signal Corps in the order of merit, based upon the importance and usefulness of work performed in the Signal Service, as said board may determine from the official records. And such second lieutenants of the Signal Corps as may not be promoted under the provisions of this act shall

be appointed second lieutenants in the line of the Army with present date of commission, and shall be assigned to the first vacancies which may occur in the grade of second lieutenant after the appointments herein provided for have been made.

Sec. 7. That all appointments and promotions in the Signal Corps after this reorganization shall be made after examination and approval under Sections 1336 and 1337 of the Revised Statutes, which are hereby amended so as to be applicable to and to provide for the promotion of the lieutenants of the Signal Corps in the same manner as they now apply to the Corps of Engineers and the Ordnance Corps; and all vacancies which may hereafter exist in the grade of first lieutenant in the Signal Corps shall be filled by transfer from the line of the Army, after competitive examination and recommendation by a board of officers of the Signal Corps to be appointed by the Secretary of War.

The enlisted force of the Signal Corps is to consist of 50 sergeants, of which 10 shall be of first-class, with pay of hospital stewards.

THE CAMP AT MONTEREY.

A CORRESPONDENT sends us an extract from the *News-Letter*, of San Francisco, criticizing the recent encampment of Regular troops at Monterey, Cal., and pronounces the statements as "colossal falsehoods." The following is a specimen of the *News-Letter's* strictures, which are evidently prompted by malice:

The privates, God help them, roam about the grounds of the Del Monte and the little town, and march into the bath-house with uniforms so dirty that even a well-regulated tramp would shudder at, and though they seem to be unwatched and uncared for, they behave admirably under the extraordinary liberties accorded them.

The soldiers do not look like soldiers. Nor can this be wondered at, seeing that the officers take such little pride in themselves that strangers to the United States continually mistake them for the uniformed servants of the Del Monte Hotel. What can be expected of soldiers when the colonels of regiments appear in muddy and soap stained uniforms; when General Miles shows himself in public with a coat covered with dandruff, his hands thrust into the pockets of a pair of shiny black pantaloons, his boots unblackened, and his whole appearance dirty, unkempt and untidy. When a general takes so little pride in himself, what can be expected of the poor wretch who gets \$13 a month and is under the command of officers whose only pride seems to be in posing about hotel corridors, and ogling girls who have more brains and breeding than they. But this ill-conditioned pauper who lives on the generosity of a nation, to which he is of no earthly use, never seeks to be agreeable to any woman unless she be rich.

Our correspondent adds: "The camp, composed of the 1st Infantry, and a battalion each from the 5th Artillery and 4th Cavalry, was an exceptionally successful and soldierly one. The only truth in the above is the statement that the soldiers behaved admirably. The proof of the good behavior of the entire command and their popularity, is shown by the general regret expressed by the citizens of Monterey when the command returned to its proper station."

REVENUE MARINE.

THE U. S. steamer *Dexter*, Capt. M. S. Phillips, pulled on schooner *Marla Adelaide*, of Bangor, ashore on Cuttyhunk, and after lying by her all night was required to abandon the vessel, as she was high on the beach and well imbedded in the sand. While at work the sloop *Elizabeth Ann* came sailing in before the wind, but unheeding the warning from the cutter's officers soon struck upon the rocks. An attempt was made to get her off, but she had bilged and could not be got off.

Lieut. W. F. Kilgore, of the steamer *Dexter*, has been granted 30 days' leave and has gone to his home in Sag Harbor, N. Y.

A FEATURE of the Hungarian manoeuvres, in the neighborhood of Szekelyhid, which have closed recently, have been the cavalry swimming exercises. The movement was carried out in splendid style by the 12th and 14th Hussars, who repeatedly crossed theis at different places where the stream was from 14 ft. to 20 ft. deep and about 200 ft. across. The manoeuvres have also been rendered remarkable by the endurance shown by the troops, who frequently marched 20 English miles and more over difficult ground without a single man falling out. The new smokeless powder was used by the infantry, while the artillery still used the old black powder, thereby furnishing an instructive comparison. In the last mimic battle, which lasted four hours, the total forces engaged on the two sides was enormous, including 77 battalions of infantry, 363 squadrons of cavalry, and 123 guns. The ground on which the operations were conducted extended over six English square miles, and it was noticeable that after the rifle firing there was little smoke visible.

THE contest for the position of professor of mathematics in the Navy, made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Soley, has ended in the selection of Chaplain E. K. Rawson. The appointment has not yet been made, but Chaplain Rawson has received instructions to appear before a board to be convened at the Navy Department during the present month, to undergo an examination as to his qualifications for the office, and his appointment will immediately follow. This selection was entirely the act of the President, and is the result of a promise made Senator Dawes, who is an uncle of Chaplain Rawson, at the time Mr. Soley resigned. It is understood that Ensign Alger was Secretary Tracy's choice for the office, but he, of course, withdrew his recommendations when the President's wishes in the matter became known.

MAJOR LEWIS MERRILL, U. S. A., retired, will have to wait some months yet before he will be able to reap the benefits of his untiring efforts to secure the passage of the bill for the relief of those officers, who, like himself, were retired, when on the eve of promotion, under the ruling of President Cleveland. The passage of this measure was largely due to his personal efforts, and yet the Senate failed to act on his nomination, while the two officers, Lieuts. Bellas and Kingsbury, nominated at the same time, under its provisions, were confirmed. Unfortunately for Maj. Merrill, his nomination came up at a time when a single objection would delay its consideration beyond the limits of the session. Senator Cockrell and several other Southern Senators, who felt that Maj. Merrill had been a little too free in his criticisms of those concerned in preventing his promotion, are responsible for the failure of his nomination. There is no reason to suppose, however, that he will not be confirmed at the next session of the Senate.

THE STATE TROOPS.

Correspondence on subjects appertaining to this department of the paper is always gladly received. The wishes of contributors as to the use of their names will be scrupulously regarded.

ELECTIONEERING IN THE NEW YORK GUARD.

A prominent officer in the 1st N. Y. Brigade sends us the following:

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

In reference to examination of a sergeant for 1st lieutenant before 1st Brigade Examining Board, who did not know the name of the Commander-in-Chief, nor his brigade commander, which item appeared in your paper last week, please publish these facts relating to his election: In a regiment of the 1st Brigade, which has lately become notorious on account of its misgovernment, the 1st lieutenant died. Previous to the election the captain, who is unfit to command or instruct, and who did not pass an examination for corporal in a well-governed regiment, used the influence of his office to defeat the 3d lieutenant, who was not alone competent, but in the line of promotion.

The captain discharged two non-commissioned officers and about 12 enlisted men, because they declared they would not vote for a candidate whom they knew to be incompetent. In addition to this wholesale outrage on honorable members, who did not sever their connection with the company, it is claimed that 20 new men were enlisted a little before the election, that their papers were approved by the colonel and adjutant who were in the conspiracy to defeat the will of the company, as their official action clearly demonstrated. Not satisfied with his official approval of enlistments, this colonel in making the rounds of the neighboring bar-rooms in company with enlisted men of his regiment publicly announced he was in favor of this incompetent sergeant and candidate. Notwithstanding this outrageous, brutal and illegal conduct, the second lieutenant received 35 votes, and although not elected, his position in the National Guard is to be envied, when compared with that of those who conspired to defeat him. There is no reason why this candidate should not be confident of passing the board, as others equally ignorant have received commissions in the same regiment, because a certain officer in whose interest it appears these elections are conducted, publicly boasts that the general is told him.

A MEMBER.

Seventh New York.—Colonel D. Appleton.

The results of the fourth competition for the O'Donohue trophy are announced as follows:

	Score in Volley.		Score in Skirmish.		Fig. of Merit.	
	Possible.	Actual.	Possible.	Actual.	As to Score.	Total.
Co. A.....	2,025	1,525	2,025	857	58.82	73.43
Co. B.....	2,150	1,643	2,150	1,216	66.49	79.98
Co. C.....	1,625	1,222	1,625	747	60.58	65.63
Co. D.....	1,325	884	1,325	519	52.94	50.60
Co. E.....	1,350	1,018	1,350	564	50.70	50.30
Co. F.....	2,200	1,682	2,200	1,159	64.11	79.88
Co. G.....	1,650	1,413	1,650	845	60.66	70.73
Co. H.....	1,600	1,405	1,600	867	64.55	74.55
Co. I.....	2,050	1,447	2,050	983	60.34	74.69
Co. K.....	1,575	1,348	1,575	813	65.00	68.54

The O'Donohue trophy is awarded to Co. B for the year 1890, and will be held by that company until the result of the next competition (1891) is officially announced.

The members of the Regimental Team of 1890, viz: Lieuts. Robt. McLean, Co. K, and W. J. Underwood, H; Sergeants J. W. Corcoran, N. C. S.; P. L. Klock, H, and R. M. Dunn, G; Corporals H. W. Jansen, A; O. E. Dudley, F; J. N. Munson, G, and G. L. Hoffman, H; Privates H. Coburn, Jr., C; R. M. Kallioch, H; J. W. Halstead, C; J. Dwight, Jr., F; A. Stein, C, and J. D. Foot, F, are commended for the self-sacrificing spirit and devotion to duty which the Regiment manifested by them in the discharge of this voluntary and laborious duty.

Col. Appleton directs that the schedule for drills prescribed in Orders No. 38, series of 1890, be rigidly observed, and the colonel desires to impress upon commanding officers the necessity of unceasing vigilance in drilling recruits. The tendency of the times shows a predilection for the advanced tactics at the expense of elementary instruction; but the officers of the regiment are reminded that the success of this organization was acquired by firm adherence to certain fundamental rules strictly carried out, resulting in a solid foundation and developing a reliable regiment—patient, soldierly, and steadfast on every duty, and in every trying situation; therefore, it is earnestly enjoined that in the future, even more than in the past, it is needful to conscientiously follow out the teachings of our predecessors. This fact is recognized by the officers of the Army as evinced by the new United States Army tactics now under consideration, wherein the setting up and elementary drills are given a more important place than has heretofore been considered necessary. In view of the probable tour of duty at the State camp, where the colonel hopes to take up a more advanced step in the general instruction of the regiment, assiduous attention should be given to the skirmish drill and drills with the bugle. To this end the greater part of the drills after Jan. 1 should be devoted to this duty. During the first portion of the drill season the companies will be drilled in the 800s of the Soldier and Company. In compliance with orders from General Headquarters, the companies will be taught the duties of guards and sentinels as laid down in Lieut. Kennon's "Manual of Guard duty," which will be the sole authority. Every member of the regiment must practice in the armory rifle range. Under competent instructors they will shoot in the standing, kneeling, and prone positions. Shooting for the Armory Marksman's Decoration will commence Oct. 1, and will terminate March 31, 1891. The decoration will be issued in January and April, 1891.

Thirteenth New York.—Col. D. E. Austen.

On Monday, Sept. 30, the 13th inaugurated the season with a review by the colonel commanding and a dress parade. Affairs of ceremony are unusual at this season and the cause of the exception in this case was the adoption of the new fall dress uniform. The regimental band being away from Brooklyn on a concert tour, the band of the 1st U. S. Artillery from Fort Hamilton was called in to fill the gap and entertained the large audience with a few selections previous to the ceremonies. Guard mount had been originally contemplated and announced, but the date chosen found such a large number of officers and enlisted men provided with the new uniform that the programme was changed. Adjutant's call was sounded at 9.10 P. M. and line was promptly and faultlessly formed for review. The battalion consisted of 5 commands of 12 files, and was turned over in good shape to Capt. Wm. L. Watson, of Co. G, who acted as commanding officer, Col. Austen receiving the review. This ceremony was correctly performed with the exception of the fact that the provisions of Decision 6,790, A. G. O., was ignored, the commanding officer accompanying the reviewing officer around the lines. The men were steady in line, and in passing in review, salutes were well rendered, and altogether the battalion presented an excellent, soldierly appearance. The uniform, which is of grey, with black and gold trimmings, is quite similar in all respects to that worn by the 7th to-day, the only marked difference being that but one crossbelt was worn by the 13th. That it is infinitely handsomer than the uniform provided by the State, goes without saying. After the review line was reformed for dress parade, Capt. Watson being still in command. An excellent ceremony it was, indeed, the manual of the first company being worthy of special mention. The audience, including many military and naval guests, participated in

dancing, which closed the evening's exercises. The regiment is to be congratulated upon its choice of uniforms, which, by the way, is but the uniform worn by it many years ago. It is a sign of the times when regiments like the 13th find it necessary to provide themselves with distinctive uniforms. Without a distinctive uniform a National Guard regiment lacks its identity. It is to be hoped that the State authorities will soon appreciate this fact and act accordingly. There should, however, be a National uniform for active service, which should be compulsory throughout the United States.

SOME COMING EVENTS.

We have received notification of the following:
Oct. 3.—G. C. M. at armory of 7th N. Y.
Oct. 4.—Sharpshooter's Match at Creedmoor.
Oct. 5.—Free Practice Day, Creedmoor Range, N. Y.
Oct. 5.—Qualification and Marksman's Badge Match at Creedmoor Range.
Oct. 18.—Sharpshooter's Match at Creedmoor.
Oct. 22.—Free Practice Day at Creedmoor.
Oct. 23 (?)—Governor's Review, N. Y., at Van Cortlandt Park, N. Y. City.
Oct. 25.—Qualification and Marksman's Badge Match at Creedmoor Range.
Nov. 1.—Sharpshooter's Match at Creedmoor.
Nov. 4.—Election Day Matches, N. R. A., at Creedmoor, L. I.
Nov. 5.—Athletic games, 47th N. Y., Brooklyn, at armory.
Nov. 8.—Athletic games, Co. F, 24th N. Y., at armory.
Nov. 11.—Inspection and Muster 9th N. Y., at armory.
Nov. 12.—Inspection and Muster 6th N. Y., at armory.
Nov. 13.—Inspection and Muster 14th N. Y., at armory.
Nov. 14.—Inspection and Muster 13th N. Y., at armory.
Nov. 15.—Athletic games, 1st Regiment, Penn. N. G., at armory, Philadelphia.
Nov. 20.—Parade and concert, 12th N. Y., at armory.
Nov. 22.—Athletic games, 8th N. Y., at armory.
Dec. 16.—Athletic games, 12th N. Y., at armory.

ALABAMA STATE CAMP.*

Report by 2d Lieut. L. G. Berry, 4th U. S. Artillery.

The Alabama State Troops consist of three regiments of white and two companies of colored troops. Aggregate, present and absent, 821.
The camp ground was pleasantly situated on high land and in a grove of trees near the city; it was supplied with city water of excellent quality. The camp was furnished with shower-baths, which were very well patronized; the sinks were well cared for. In fact, the sanitary condition of the camp left nothing to be desired. The troops were under the command of Col. Thomas G. Jones, 2d Regiment Alabama State Troops; Capt. J. P. Saffold, adjutant, and Capt. Barry Holt, quartermaster. The troops were reviewed by Hon. Thomas Searcy, Governor of Alabama, on June 28, who expressed himself as highly pleased with the appearance and discipline of the troops.

The companies showed a reasonable proficiency in company drill. There was no skirmish drill during the encampment, and, owing to the excessive heat, no other drills before 5 P. M. At 5 P. M. there was a battalion drill or review, and at retreat a dress parade. The battalion drill was rather ragged at first, but showed a very marked improvement toward the latter part of the encampment. The dress parades, aside from a little unsteadiness in ranks natural to inexperienced troops, were at the close as good as those of any well-drilled battalion. The majority of the troops were improved, and made the best of their opportunities and equipment. The cavalry troop was composed of good riders, well mounted and equipped and well drilled in most parts of the school of the company. A little riding with crossed stirrups would improve them some. As a whole they presented a very fine appearance. Officers' call was sounded daily with good results. Instruction was given in methods of official correspondence and riot duty, and in other matters which the commanding officer noticed during the day. The ceremony of guard mount was well performed, largely owing to the care and patience of Adjutant Saffold and Sergeant Major Waller. The ceremony might have been much improved by a little practice in the armories of the companies before coming to camp.

Very few of the officers and men who were on guard had previously served in this capacity, but notwithstanding this guard duty was well performed. Pamphlets giving the duties and orders of a sentinel were distributed among the men, and were of great benefit.

There was no target practice during the encampment, owing to the thickly settled state of the surrounding country.

The discipline of the regiment was very good. There were few disturbances, and during my entire stay in the camp I saw no one under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Much credit for this state of affairs is due to Colonel Jones, who is a soldier of much experience and good judgment. Much credit is due to the excellent military schools of the State in fostering a military spirit and furnishing well drilled and disciplined officers and men for the State troops.

I desire to record my gratification at the earnest desire to learn shown by officers and men, my appreciation of the courtesy with which all corrections were received, and my thanks to Col. Charles P. Jones, Adjutant-General of the State, and the colonel and members of the 2d Regiment for their hospitality during my stay with them.

INDIANA STATE CAMP.

Report of Capt. Chas. G. Penney, 6th Infantry.

THE whole of the organized militia force of the State was in camp. It consisted of 10 commissioned officers and 96 enlisted men of artillery, and 135 commissioned officers and 1,315 enlisted men of infantry. The State maintains no cavalry.

The camp and garrison equipage was good, in sufficient quantity, and is well cared for. The rations were of good quality, sufficient in quantity (about 1½ more than the Army ration), well cooked and served. The rations were issued daily to the companies by the commissary. The cooking was done by skilled cooks, hired for the purpose by the State, and attached to each company.

The camp was well laid out, in conformity with regulations and tactics. The duty was carried on constantly and intelligently—the entire time being devoted to practical instruction and drill.

The discipline of the entire command was good. Among officers and men there is great zeal and desire for perfection in all military matters, and there is a notable absence of any desire for mere show, and a distinct leaning towards practical things; any lack of efficiency is clearly traceable to want of opportunity and not to absence of a desire for information and improvement.

The State has no target range and no rifle practice: firing has been had at ranges over 300 yards, and up to that range by only a few of the companies. It is the intention to have this year, near the city of Indianapolis, target practice at the longer ranges for all men that may qualify for it at the short ranges.

I can bear cheerful testimony to the zeal and enthusiasm of officers and men, and to their desire to profit by any and all opportunities for improvement and instruction. I mingled freely with the officers and found their professional knowledge and capacity for their duties good. I endeavored to give them the benefit of such knowledge and experience as I have, whenever solicited, as unobtrusively as possible, which in every case met with most cordial and courteous reception.

As it was not desired by the commanding officer, I did not

*We are indebted to Brig.-Gen. Joseph C. Breckinridge, Inspector-General of the Army, for copies of the reports made to him by the officers detailed to inspect the State camps.

submit any daily written reports, but was in constant communication and conference with him. As an officer of large experience in the War of the Rebellion, his information and knowledge is complete and practical. In nothing was this more conspicuously manifest than in the cleanliness, thoroughness, police, and good order throughout the camp. This is the first appropriation by the State that has been available for the encampment and instruction of the troops in their practical duties.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

CONNECTICUT.

THE members of Co. F, 1st Regiment, Hartford, for the second time since his discharge have re-elected C. W. Newton 2d lieutenant of the company in face of the forcible remarks of Capt. Wickham at the meetings. On second disapproval the Governor has the power to fill the position.

Not one of the large number of officers who successfully passed the examinations 1st June has received his commission. (Such delay where promptness is expected does not tend to create enthusiasm throughout the command.)

The Sarsfield Guard, of New Haven, Co. C, 2d Regiment, celebrated their 25th anniversary with a banquet at Prokasky's Monday night.

The members of the brigade staff have at last received their light regulation Army sabres, ordered before camp. They are furnished by the State. It is now probable that all the mounted officers will have such sabres before long. The 3d Regiment will hold their annual rifle tournament at the Sarsfield Range, Wilmett, Oct. 14. The principal match is for company teams, and there will be an individual match for prizes.

The regular drill season will begin Nov. 1. Many companies, however, will begin drilling next week. The suggestion is made that more attention be given to guard duty and that each captain post and instruct his men in the armory or on some retired street as they would be posted and instructed in camp.

Major William W. make an effort to have the arrangements at the camp ground at Niantic so altered that another year the sentinels may be posted from left to right.

Co. I, 4th Regiment, Winsted, have nominated three officers in place of those who failed to pass examination—Corpl. C. M. Parsons, for 1st lieutenant, and Quartermaster-Sergeant William Maxwell, for 2d lieutenant.
Co. E, 2d Regiment, New Haven, have nominated 2d Lieut. Fred Lehr to succeed Lieut. Ball, resigned, and 1st Sergeant Hamilton to succeed Lieut. Lehr, promoted.

Ex-Quartermaster-Sergeant W. C. Hall, Co. D, 2d Regiment, New Haven, died Monday evening.

An unusually fine lot of individual prizes has been prepared for the 2d Regiment rifle tournament next week. The admission fee for each team has been raised from \$5 to \$10. It is expected that the first prize will go to Co. K, of Wallingford, or to Co. I, of Meriden, as they have done the most practicing.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

ON Monday, Sept. 15, the entire National Guard of the District turned out to welcome home the rifle team who done so much credit to the Guard, and were the winners of the Hilton trophy at Creedmoor on Sept. 13. Thousands of pedestrians lined the avenue, and when the team arrived they were placed between the two regiments and escorted to brigade headquarters, where Gen. Ordway and his staff had prepared a reception for them. Everybody was indeed glad, and the magnitude of the victory for the district team can hardly be realized. A movement is on foot in the Guard to present to the team another medal for their victory, besides the bronze medal presented with the Hilton trophy.

Major Hamson, of the 3d Battalion, is an indefatigable worker in behalf of his battalion, and good results can be seen on every side.

Major E. R. Campbell, commanding the 4th Battalion, has returned to the city from Vermont, where he has been trying to gain in health and for a much needed rest. Some rumors are afloat that the major will resign at an early day unless his health improves.

In the 5th Battalion, Capt. R. A. O'Brien, of Co. A, 4th Battalion, has been made major, vice Long resigned. Major O'Brien is a thorough soldier in every respect, and all who know him say that he will soon have a battalion that any commanding officer will feel proud of.

Major Bartlett, of the 6th Battalion, has established a school for commissioned officers; the meeting is held twice a month.

At an early day a school of similar character will be established for the non-commissioned officers. 1st Lieut. and Adj. McDowell has been detailed as acting captain of Co. A, 5th Battalion, in addition to his duties as adjutant.

General Ordway has issued a circular pertaining to the formation of an engineer company for the guard, when this company is mustered into the service. The National Guard of the District of Columbia will be the only guard in the U. S. that has an engineer company. Good results will be had from such an important part of the guard and its movements will be watched with deep interest.

"GUIDES POSTS."

MASSACHUSETTS.

THE annual State Rifle Match of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia took place at South Framingham Sept. 27. The weather conditions were fairly good. The team contests were limited to teams representing regiments or battalions. The distance was 200 yards, 10 shots off-hand, 13 men on a team. The match was won by the team from the 2d Infantry, Col. Clark, on a score of 492 points out of a possible 600. The other aggregate scores in order of merit were: 1st Infantry, 468; 6th Infantry, 455; 1st Infantry, 455; 2d Corps of Cadets, 460; 8th Infantry, 454; 1st Corps of Cadets, 440; Naval Battalion, 358.

The 6th Infantry, Col. H. Parsons, will parade in heavy marching order on Oct. 4, the companies reporting as follows: A, B, C, D, E, G, I and L, to the adjutant at Fort Meadow, on the line of the Fitchburg railroad, between Hudson and Marlborough, at 10 A. M., and F, K and M, to Maj. Geo. H. Chaffin, at Marlborough, at 9 A. M.

Canteens and haversacks will be worn, the canteens to contain water, tea or coffee only, and the haversacks to be empty. The city of Marlborough will furnish dinner to officers and men. The advance on the city of Marlborough will be contested by force of arms, and practical manoeuvres will be adopted. After dinner the line will be formed, and a review and dress parade will be held.

The 2d Corps of Cadets, Lieut.-Col. J. F. Dalton, have moved into the new armory. The company rooms are in an advanced stage of completion, but the drill hall will not be completed for some time yet.

VARIOUS.

A G. C. M. for the trial of Capt. G. E. Hart, N. B. Thurston, G. F. Demarest, W. E. Prece, J. W. Finch and W. J. Madsen, of the 22d N. Y., and such other persons as may be brought before it, will convene at the armory of the 71st Regiment on Monday, Oct. 3, at 8 P. M. The six captains above named are charged by Col. J. T. Camp with conduct unbecoming officers and gentlemen, in that they, together with Lieut.-Colonel George Alfred Miller, 12th Regiment, conspired to reduce and injure the military character and business credit of their commanding officer and force him to vacate his commission in his regiment. The detail for the Court is: Col. D. E. Austen, 13th Regiment, president; Lieut.-Col. Wm. E. Finch, 10th Battalion, Lieut. Col. A. C. Smith, 24th Regiment, Capt. D. A. Nesbit, 7th Regt.; Capt. C. F. Roe, Troop A, members, with Major H. S. Van Duzer, 1st Brigade Staff Judge-advocate. The composition of this court is antecedent one, and should be minutely satisfactory to all parties. The quarters at the 71st Regt. being so small, Col. Austen, asked permission to have the court meet in the armory of the 7th Regt., and Col. Apple-

ten kindly placed the Board Room at the disposal of the court. Gen. Porter will undoubtedly agree to the change.

The uniformed battalion of the 7th N. Y. Veterans, will parade on Oct. 6, from the armory of the Old Guard, 14th Street and 5th Avenue to the Plaza Hotel at Central Park.

The body of Pvt. J. Flannery, 23d Sep. Co., N. Y., was found in the Bay at Hudson, N. Y., on Sept. 29, clothed in the State service uniform, with knapsack. After parading with his company, it is presumed he wandered up the railroad track and fell in the river.

Adj. Gen. Porter announces in General Orders that the annual inspection and muster of the organizations named below will take place as follows: 9th Regt., Tuesday, Nov. 11; 69th Regt., Wednesday, Nov. 12; 14th Regt., Thursday, Nov. 13; 13th Regt., Friday, Nov. 14; 10th Regt., Albany, Wednesday, Nov. 19, assembly, in each case at 8 P. M. Commands will parade in full dress uniform, with knapsacks, haversacks and canteens; overcoats will be rolled on top of knapsacks, and fatigue coats and caps packed in knapsacks.

Athletic games, under rules of A. A. U., will be given by Co. F, 23d Regt., at the armory, Clermont avenue, near Myrtle, Brooklyn, Saturday, Nov. 8, at 8 P. M. The events (open to all amateurs) are: 50 yds. dash, 220 yds. run, 440 yds. run, 880 yds. run, 1 mile walk, 1 mile run, 2 mile bicycle and running high jump—all handicaps, and 1/4 mile novice—scratch, invitation 2 mile race—scratch. Exhibition on flying rings by Champion Robert Stoll, and others. Gold, silver and bronze medals to first, second and third, respectively. Medals designed by Robert Stoll. Admission, 50 cents. Reserved seats, 50 cents extra. Entrance fee of 50 cents for each event. They close Saturday, Nov. 1, with C. C. Greene, P. O. Box 76, New York City.

Capt. Jas. Conlon, Co. B, 66th N. Y., will be retired from service on the ground of incapacity.

Brig. Gen. C. A. H. Bartlett, Judge Advocate General on the staff of Gov. Hill, has resigned. Major Almont F. Jenks, Judge Advocate of the 2d N. Y. Brigade, has been appointed in his stead.

We have received a copy of the report of Capt. James M. Burns, 17th U. S. Inf., Asst. Insp.-General on the staff of Gov. Campbell, of Ohio, of inspections made by him of the different organizations of the Ohio National Guard during their summer encampment. We hope to refer to the interesting report in a later issue.

Col. Gaylor, 47th N. Y., announces that the business of regimental headquarters will be continued every Wednesday evening commencing Oct. 1. The company drill season is directed to commence from Oct. 2 and continue weekly until further orders, lasting at least one hour, and commencing promptly. An election for major will be ordered for Oct. 15. It has been intimated that Col. Gaylor intended to resign on Nov. 20, 1891, on which date he would complete 20 years in the service in the guard.

Considerable dissatisfaction is reported as existing among the men of the 69th Regiment against the administration of its affairs, both civil and military. It is claimed that "the laws in the State Code and Regulations that were supposed to have been formulated and adopted for the happy government of the State force are openly ignored, and a system of despotic 'home rule' established in their place." It is further claimed that "the system of collecting dues and fines and the manner of running finances in certain companies are very rotten." Appeals from any unjust rulings and fines are said to be useless. "There is

no justice, and politics and the 'burlesque' squabbles are fast disgusting the intelligent element in the regiment who joined for love of military duty," and it is further stated "that unless there is some reform complaint will give way to something more serious." "If some of the intellects would only resign and we could get some 7th Regiment officers here," said an intelligent non-com. of long service, "what a happy change it would be."

Col. Boykin, of the 5th Maryland, has appointed the Rev. William M. Dame, rector of Memorial P. E. Church, chaplain of the 5th, vice the Rev. James Reynolds, resigned. The latter has been living in New York for several years, but only lately resigned as chaplain of the regiment.

The 2d N. Y. Brigade, Brig.-Gen. James McLeer will, hold a field day some time during this month—presumably about the middle or latter part. It is intended to keep the place selected for the manoeuvres a secret until a few hours before the time of assembly, in order to avoid the horde of spectators that would be present, and undoubtedly interfere in the operations.

Capt. G. W. Rand, Co. F, 7th N. Y., has issued an order announcing, among other things, that company drills will commence Oct. 7, and continue weekly until further orders. The captain also expresses the wish that the company will excel all previous records, and hopes to have the entire support of the members on all occasions.

Col. J. N. Partridge, 23d N. Y., on Sept. 23, dined the field and staff officers and captains of the regiment at the Hamilton Club, Brooklyn. The affair was informal and a very enjoyable one.

Capt. W. G. Owen, I. R. P., 12th N. Y., has made an application to be placed on the supernumerary list on account of

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disability. If ex-Captain John Macauley could be induced to accept the vacancy, it would be of great practical benefit to the regiment. It is hoped an effort will be made to this end.

Col. Willard Howard, 4th Battalion of Baltimore, Md., has issued an order designating Friday, Oct. 10, as the date for the fall parade of the 4th Battalion.

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the N. R. A. will be held at Room 55, Temple Court, N. Y. City, on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at 3.30 P. M. The meeting is an important one, and a full attendance is requested.

Mr. McCookry Butt, of the 7th Regiment, N. Y., sailed for Europe per S. S. *Umbria* on Sept. 27. He will leave London, en route for the United States, on Nov. 8.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

E.—The Medical Purveying Depot, New York City, is now located at the Army Building, 39 Whitehall street.

M.—Write to Major W. P. Huxford, U. S. A., clerk to the Senate Military Committee, Washington, D. C., and you may obtain some valuable information.

L. S.—Write to the Secretary of the Alumni Association, Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., and he may furnish you, free of cost, a copy of the pamphlet you desire.

Reader asks: The post commander mounts as officer of the day. Who does No. 1 turn out the guard for, commanding officer or officer of the day? **ANS.**—For the "commanding officer."

H. B. K.—A soldier on three months' furlough, under G. O. 80, is entitled to the commutation of rations provided for soldiers on furlough. Par. 4, of G. O. 80, tells what he is not entitled to.

M. H. asks: If a man was discharged Nov. 15, 1888, and re-enlisted Nov. 17, 1888, can he get out of the Army on the three year act, as well as a man on his first enlistment? **ANS.**—Yes, provided his service has been faithful.

J. S.—The evidence desired is in support of your statement as to your true name, under which you desire to be borne on roles and returns. The affidavit of a reputable person knowing you and cognizant of the facts would be sufficient.

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GERMAN DISCIPLINE.

SERGEANT at the morning parade—Recruit Meyer, the next time you appear to me in my dreams in such a disagreeable way as you did last night, I'll give you three days in the lock-up!—*Fliegende Blätter*.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

The naval board, of which Comdr. Theodore F. Jewell was senior member, appointed to conduct the recent trial of the Patrick torpedo, has submitted a favorable report, in accordance with which the Department has accepted the three torpedoes made under contract.

At its meeting, held Wednesday, the Ordnance and Fortification Board considered the appropriation of \$50,000 for experiments to test the value of high explosive, segmental guns and pneumatic gun carriages, and the appropriation of \$100,000 for the purchase from abroad of such articles of foreign manufacture as are not produced in this country. The question of further allotments for improving the plant at the Watervliet Arsenal also received attention. Of the first named sum of \$50,000 about \$15,000 or \$20,000 will be allotted for the manufacture of a segmental gun, to be experimented with in competition with the wire wrapped gun being built by the Ordnance Department of the Army on plans designed by Lieut. Crozier.

According to *Glaser's Annalen*, Delta metal is a very old alloy, having been known to the old Egyptians. It was first prepared, however, in a scientific manner by Alexander Dick, a German, in 1832. This metal is an alloy of copper, iron, and zinc, resembling nich-metal and sterro-metal, which contain the same elements, and are largely used for heavy guns.

Dr. J. Hopkinson has been making experiments on the iron nickel alloys, with some remarkable results. A nickel steel containing a little less than 5 per cent. of the former constituent is decidedly more magnetizable than wrought iron, particularly for high inductions. On the contrary, with 24.5 per cent. of nickel the alloy is non-magnetic at ordinary temperatures; but after being exposed to a very low temperature it becomes slightly magnetic, and remains so up to more than 500 deg. C. With 73 per cent. of nickel, however, an alloy is obtained that is much more magnetic than the preceding or than a mechanical mixture of iron and nickel in the same proportions. In the specimen of nickel steel first mentioned there were two well marked "critical points" at temperatures about 150 deg. apart, and all magnetic properties vanished on heating to the higher point to reappear, on cooling, only at the lower one. All these facts point to some eccentric sort of chemical combination. The non-magnetic alloy contained very nearly three molecules of iron to one of nickel; but the cause of the phenomena observed is by no means as simple as this might indicate, since a small proportion of nickel increases the magnetic properties of the material.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

WHILE Heligoland has been ceded to Germany the lighthouse remains the property of the Trinity House.

THE Government of Canada has spent on the St. Lawrence series of canals £5,000,000, and on the construction of railways 24,000,000.

THE dagger-bayonet lately introduced into the German Army is, it is stated, about to be withdrawn, and the old form of a sword-bayonet restored.

THE Sultan of Turkey has granted double the usual pensions to the families of the members of the crew of the warship *Ertogru*, who lost their lives by the recent foundering of that vessel at sea.

HENCEFORTH, says a correspondent, the cantinière, with her coquettish uniform and her regimental pride, will be only an army tradition. In accordance with an order from the Ministry of War, she is no longer to wear a uniform, and is to be distinguished from other women only by a brass badge worn on the arm.

SIR FREDERICK ROBERTS, commander-in-chief in India, has, it is stated, issued a general order against polo. The main point made by Sir Frederick is the expense of the game. He will look to commanding officers to see that those under their charge do not fritter away upon expensive polo ponies what they ought to spend upon proper chargers.

A TELEGRAM from Auckland states that two French men-of-war recently bombarded villages in Huahine and Borabora, islands of the Society group, and subjugated the natives. An attempt to reach the stronghold of the islanders of Raiatea failed. These islands belong to France, and the supposition is that an insurrection has taken place.

THE papers and plans connected with the scheme of making Paris a seaport have now been deposited at the Hotel de Ville for public inspection. They are to be accessible there until Nov. 15, so that they may be carefully examined. The proposed canal from Rouen to Paris is to have a length of 180 kilometres and a depth of 6 metres. The docks are to be constructed between St. Denis and Clichy. The expense is estimated at 135,000,000.

WE learn from the *Neue Militärische Blätter* that a considerable series of experiments, made with the view of discovering the best fodder for French cavalry horses, has established the fact that straw and oats are, in reason, preferable to hay. There seems to be no doubt that, when the ration of hay was reduced, and that of straw or oats proportionately increased, the staying power of the horses was much improved; they sweated less, and bore fatigue better. There is evidently need for a complete and careful study of the question of cavalry forage.

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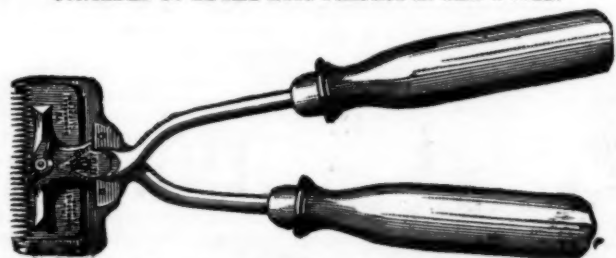
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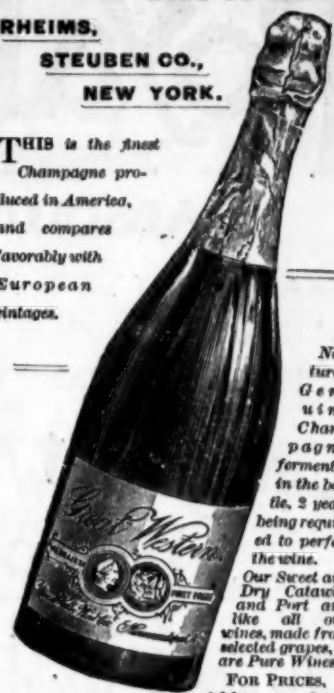
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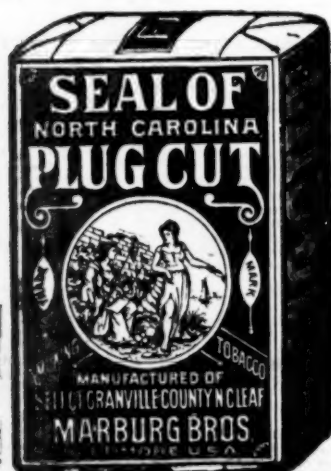
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